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# INTRODUCTION

## SECTION ONE. MONASTIC ACCOUNTS.

MONASTIC Accounts must seem at first sight the least attractive of all the documents relating to the monasteries. Their claim to importance is that they portray conditions in the religious houses, not as they might have been in an ideal world, nor as enemies wished to see them, but as they actually were at a given time and place. The Accounts were not written for the gaze of strangers. Plain statements of fact, they are entirely free from the propagandism which inspired many monastic writings. They do not attempt to give a complete picture of conventual life; at the same time there is hardly any material detail of that life which they do not touch. They are therefore invaluable as evidence not only of monastic income and expenditure, but also of the influence of their wealth on the monks themselves and on the laymen with whom they came in contact.

During the last fifty years the value of monastic Accounts as evidence of the monastic economy and of its connection with national life as a whole has been realised more and more clearly. The *English Monastic Finances in the Later Middle Ages* of Mr. R. H. Snape has done much to clear up the subject. Dr. G. G. Coulton's *Getting and Spending*, the third volume of his *Five Centuries of Religion*, emphasises its importance. But the available evidence is still fragmentary. Most of the surviving Compotus Rolls lie undisturbed in archive rooms and libraries,<sup>1</sup> and those already published are too patchy and incomplete to apply to the monasteries as a whole. The Surtees Society's editions of selections from the Accounts of Durham, Finchale and other northern houses, Dean Kitchin's *Obedientiary Rolls of Saint Swithun's, Winchester*, and P. E. G. Kirk's *Abingdon Rolls* are conspicuous among the monastic accounts already published. Selections from the vast hoard housed at Worcester and summaries of the Sacrist Rolls of Ely are also in print. But all these consist of fragments from different houses and different periods. Where

<sup>1</sup> e.g. Westminster Abbey possesses some six thousand such Rolls.

the material is plentiful editors have too often shrunk from the arduous and costly task of publishing it in its entirety, so that students have their conclusions but not the evidence from which they have been derived. The rich promise of a long series of obedientiary rolls and other related documents contained in Dr. H. W. Saunders' recent *Introduction to the Rolls of Norwich Cathedral Priory* raises the hope that we are at last to see the finances of at least one monastery in their entirety: even the treasure trove of Durham is small compared with this East Anglian gold mine.<sup>1</sup>

In comparison with the masses of material yielded by Durham, Worcester or Norwich the Compotus Rolls of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, must at first seem slight. This abbey of Victorine Canons on the banks of the rivers Frome and Avon was small in numbers, but rich in influence and property. Its records have nearly all disappeared, many of them no doubt at the Dissolution, others when Dean and Chapter were abolished by Cromwell, and some by fire and theft in the Reform Bill Riots. But among the survivals are two Account Rolls for the years 1491-92 and 1511-12. Each Roll consists of the annual accounts of fifteen obedientiaries, bound together by parchment thongs at the head of the membranes.<sup>2</sup> As far as we know, this arrangement is peculiar to Bristol. It suggests some contemporary attempt to see the conventual finances for one year as a whole, or at least to keep together all of one year's departmental accounts. No complete set of obedientiary rolls for any one year in a large monastery has yet been published, though series of isolated accounts for consecutive years are fairly common. The discovery of our two compotus rolls at Bristol is therefore something of an event. Fortunately the manuscript is damaged but slightly. For the first time, therefore, it now becomes possible to study the financial organisation of a large house as a detailed whole, and to gain a clear idea of the system by which it kept its annual accounts.

Although it is regrettable from some points of view that the two rolls are not consecutive, they are well spaced for purposes of comparison with one another and with other available sources. A larger amount of material covering a long, continuous period would undoubtedly be worth more than the little that we have, but our rolls do help to explain each other, and together they

<sup>1</sup> But see Professor Hamilton Thompson in *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, xlv. 679-80.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed description of the two Rolls see Note on the Manuscript, pp. 87, 88.

shed much light on conditions within the abbey during the critical last fifty years of its existence. Their importance gains from the fact that they belong to a time when the abbey was being ruled by an efficient abbot, John Newland, whose reign of thirty-four years was a time of comparative prosperity in the history of his house, and one during which it successfully surmounted several serious crises. They shew the abbey's financial material in good working order. If we find in them traces of moral slackness we shall have to accept the fact that even good organisation could not necessarily ensure high standards.

The value of the evidence found in our rolls is enhanced by comparison between the Accounts of this and other houses, and by reference both to earlier and to later manuscripts relating to Saint Augustine's itself. Of these the most important are :—

(i) An Exchequer Issue Roll of 1428, containing a partial and much-damaged survey of the abbey's temporal revenues during a vacancy in that year.

(ii) The Certificate of Surrender of the valuables of the monastery at its dissolution in 1539.

(iii) Two sets of Accounts in the name of Richard Poulet, Kt., King's Receiver in the Court of Augmentations for this and other houses in the South-West, from 1539-40 to the end of the reign. One set contains the detailed returns for the ex-abbey estates submitted to the King's Receiver by local bailiffs and rent collectors. The other is a summary of these with details of moneys received by the sale of the abbey valuables and other possessions, and with particulars of pensions, corrodiess and annuities now payable by the Court of Augmentations to the ex-Canons and their dependants. We refer to these two sets of Accounts as Poulet A and Poulet B respectively.

(iv) Two Valors of 1542, the one recording the endowments of the newly-created Bishopric of Bristol and the other those of the new Dean and Chapter. These we shall term the Bishopric and Cathedral Valors.

All these documents are housed in the Public Record Office in London.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There are, of course, things that we should like to have done which time or expense did not permit. The Worcester Episcopal Registers for our period are as yet unpublished, and we were forced to neglect them; the muniments of Berkeley Castle may reveal much about the abbey, if a second Smyth can be found to devote a lifetime to them. These major sources apart, we have done our best to consult originals wherever possible and to search for them where they are probably to hand.

It is hoped that our two Compotus Rolls will have both a local and a much wider interest. Not only do they give a clear picture of a great abbey of canons regular in its latter days, but they illustrate the use to which such documents can be turned in the study of English monasticism generally, and may encourage further research into the Accounts of other houses. The yearly income of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, amply illustrates the extent and variety of monastic wealth. Its system of accountancy, clearly revealed for the first time by the completeness of our two Rolls, is an example of the elaborate organisation needed to control that wealth. And in its many expenses lies the clue to monastic standards of self-denial and service, naively revealed and far more dependable than the prejudiced reports of Henry VIII's Commissioners.

#### SECTION TWO. CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

The history of an abbey is, to a great extent, that of its abbots ; it is seldom that we are able to state with confidence that on a given occasion the abbot was acting with the full support of his convent, for the authority to which the convent had appointed him was so great as to receive at least outward submission from them, however strange his commands. At Saint Augustine's there seem to have been two occasions when the canons had a serious quarrel with their superior, but apart from these the three and a half centuries of its history before the abbacy of Newland have left us the record of a few bad abbots, two or three whom the records praise (for their building rather than for their piety), and brief notes of a majority who may be presumed to have been fairly efficient since nothing is recorded against them.

It is interesting to note that from the middle of the fourteenth century the number of canons in the monastery seems to have been maintained at a steady level ; the available figures are not well spaced, but it is surely significant that the number of canons and novices assenting to the Royal Supremacy in 1534 was almost identical with the number at the election of William Cok in 1352-53, just after the Black Death. Both Snape and Coulton comment on the decline in many monasteries, and produce evidence to show that the Black Death was not the main cause of it ; here we unfortunately have no figures for the earlier period, but there is no sign of a progressive decline after the plague. The figures are :—



1352-53, 17 canons (omitting the late abbot); 1491-92, 18 canons; 1498, 21 canons; 1511-12, 18 canons; 1534, 19 canons.

Emphasis could be laid on the faults noted at visitations; this has been done by most historians of Saint Augustine's.<sup>1</sup> We feel justified in asserting that, if the accessible evidence be fairly considered, it will be found that there was nothing unusually good or extraordinarily bad about Saint Augustine's; it may probably be taken as a fair specimen of the medium-sized house throughout its history.

The abbot of both these Rolls was John Newland,<sup>2</sup> who ruled from April, 1481, to June, 1515. This abbot is almost the only one who has been consistently referred to by Bristol historians as "good," a description derived from the *Athenæ Oxonienses*—"he was called the good abbot, being a person solely given up to religion and almsdeeds." But unfortunately the source of this statement is unknown, and the probability of its truth seems slight; for if these accounts may be relied upon he does not seem to have encouraged liberal almsgiving in his monastery, whatever his private benefactions may have been, and while his rule was efficient it will be seen that it is hardly probable that he could have been so popular with the citizens of Bristol as to be given such a title by them. The same source also tells us that in 1502 John Newland supplicated for a degree in Divinity, "but whether granted the record . . . tells us not." With this and Wharton's *Collections* as his source Browne Willis stated that, "He was a very learned Man and of great Abilities, being often employed by King Henry the 7th. in Embassies." Here again there is no certainty, since the *Collections* are not available to us, and we have not come across any hint of such activity in other records which we have been able to examine.<sup>3</sup> Even of the quality of Newland's learning it is hard to judge: he has left us no writings by which to judge his talents beyond the chronicle at Berkeley, and that is simply a compilation; the title "chronicle" which has come to be used of it is a misnomer, for it is simply a catalogue of the abbots with a prefatory note about the FitzHarding anniversaries and the foundation.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Considerations of space have prevented the inclusion of a summary of abbey history; it may be studied in any of the histories of Bristol mentioned in the Bibliography.

<sup>2</sup> More correctly "Nulande," but the modern form is so familiar that it would be pedantic to insist on the original.

<sup>3</sup> cf. Wood, *Fasti Oxonienses* (1815), I. 10; Willis, *Mitred Abbies*, I. 128.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to the published part of the roll; the remainder, we believe, consists of equally brief notes about Bristol mayors.

It is a curious fact that the only other abbot of this monastery who has been praised by local historians—Edmund de Knulle—was the only one (so far as we know) to be involved in more serious trouble with his neighbours than Newland. Into Knulle's troubles we cannot enter here; Newland's will be found in the first thirty-six folios of the *Great White Book of Bristol*, which are filled with copies of bills, rejoinders, depositions, injunctions, and other documents relating to the dispute between him and the Mayor, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the Town of Bristol.<sup>1</sup> The dispute raged during the years 1491–96, and was only composed by the efforts of Cardinal Archbishop Morton and the Lord Chief Justice; indeed, we may doubt whether the compromise to which the parties agreed in 1496 was lasting, for it cannot be said to have settled the rights of many of the questions involved.<sup>2</sup>

In 1511–12 the heavy legal expenses have ceased, and the arrangement of 1496 that the Lawday should be held by the City officials, while its profits were shared between Abbey and City, seems to be still working; but £116 18s. 8d. is owing from the rent of Trivel Mills for some years past, and we may surmise that they had suffered severely in the course of the dispute—the Mayor asserted that the abbot was taking away custom from the Castle Mills—and even that they never recovered from the blow received at this time; certainly in 1533 the rent was as low as £4 instead of the £20 10s. 0d. of the 1491–92 account and the *Great White Book*.

Yet neither this controversy with the townspeople nor the heavy taxation of the later years of Henry VII's reign, though they were coincident burdens on the monastery, could prevent the building up of a large balance under the efficient administration of Newland; in 1511–12 he has over £850 in hand in his capacity as Treasurer. This accumulation of a reserve is a remarkable

<sup>1</sup> We have to thank the City authorities for permission to transcribe these and to refer to them where their matter touches that of the Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> The only mention of the outbreak of this controversy in the 1491–92 account is under Riding Expenses, where it is stated that the abbot rode three times to London and John Webbe went a fourth time "pro defensione et conservacione tam Franchisie quam sanctuarii Monasterii predicti aceciam pro excessiva oneracione inhabitancium infra sanctuarium predictum ad xv<sup>am</sup> domini Regis exactam per Maiorem et Communitatem ville Bristollie"—which sums up the original cause of the quarrel very neatly. This entry is only a chance outburst on the part of Newland or his clerk, for the sum of £40 os. 10d. (about £1,000 in our money) which the abbot spent is not entered under this heading but under the more suitable one of Legal Expenses, where no hint at all is given of the reason for the expense; in fact, the entry is so formally worded that taken by itself it might be used to show that the Canons normally spent ridiculously large sums on the contemporary pastime of litigation.

contrast with the often-quoted examples of abbatial extravagance. It may be exceptional ; yet one cannot help but wonder whether other complete sets of accounts might not produce figures as startling. Until such further evidence is produced judgment must be deferred. In any case, Newland deserves the highest praise for his financial success.<sup>1</sup>

The relations between Saint Augustine's, Bristol, and the Crown were somewhat singular. The abbey was founded by FitzHarding with the approval and active aid of Henry of Normandy. A confirmatory charter of Stephen described Henry as *eiusdem loci fundator*, yet the abbots in the fourteenth century were able to obtain exemption from attendance at Parliament on the ground that their house was not of royal foundation, just after this very charter had been inspected. Other charters imply that FitzHarding was the sole founder, and his descendants seem always to have regarded themselves in this light. Nevertheless the Crown claimed the right of imposing a royal clerk on the abbey (for presentation to a benefice) after each election of an abbot, and also that of sending royal pensioners to have corrodies out of the abbey revenues ; both of these privileges are normally regarded as belonging to founders and their kin. Again, Newland himself in his Roll gives no hint of any founder other than FitzHarding, yet it was Newland or his successor who put up a legend on the abbey gateway to the effect that " King Henry II and Robert FitzHarding founded this monastery." We can only conclude that the proximity of the abbey to the Royal town of Bristol—it lay well within the bounds of the County established under Edward III—gave the Crown the opportunity to claim rights which did not belong to it. The frequent visits of the King to Bristol made it difficult for the Berkeleys to assert their rights had they been minded to do so ; actually they seem to have kept in close touch with the monastery, while tactfully avoiding the raising of awkward questions.

As a leading local dignitary the abbot was naturally employed by the Crown in the performance of much royal business in Bristol and the neighbourhood ; with the Mayor and other civic notables, or with the gentry of Somerset or Gloucester, he sat on commissions dealing with all sorts of subjects from sewers to the behaviour of the sheriffs. A list of those appointed to such commissions would make it plain that the Abbot of Saint Augustine's was by far the most important ecclesiastic in the district, his nearest rival being

<sup>1</sup> But cf. pp. 18-19.

the Abbot of Keynsham. None of the other houses in Bristol was large enough to be influential, though Saint James' Priory might have been more important had it not been a cell of Tewkesbury.

Ecclesiastical supervision of the Abbey was the business of the Bishop of Worcester, who was responsible for "visiting" the monastery; except in the bad period after the Black Death this duty seems to have been quite well carried out, and abbot and bishop remained on friendly terms in spite of the latter's injunctions not to allow this or that irregularity. The most interesting question with regard to the official position of the abbey is not yet solved: we know that Saint Augustine's was excluded, along with the other houses of the Order of Saint Victor, from the General Chapters of the Augustinian Canons in England, but we have yet to discover whether these houses held any General Chapters of their own. In 1511-12 the Treasurer has a heading in his account "Expense in Generali Capitulo"; this is not found in the earlier account, so it may imply that such a Chapter had been held in the interval. We know that Saint Augustine's, Keynsham, and Wigmore, the three chief Houses of the Order, kept up a close connection: in 1511-12 the dead Canons of Keynsham have their month's mind at Bristol as well as at their own abbey, and there are entries in Episcopal Registers showing that refractory canons were sent from Wigmore to Bristol to be disciplined; moreover in the *Red Book of Saint Augustine's* is the *Forma Tenendi Generale Capitulum iuxta Ordinem sancti Victoris*. But whether such a Chapter was ever held in this country after the close connection of the early years with the mother-house at Paris had been weakened is quite unknown. It is interesting to note, however, that the exclusion of the house from the Augustinian General Chapters did not prevent individual canons being transferred to orthodox Augustinian houses: thus in 1484, Richard Walker, canon of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, was chosen as prior of Saint Frideswide's, Oxford, and duly migrated thither.

From all this we may conclude that if there was any peculiarity about the abbey it was that, through various combinations of circumstances, the abbots had contrived to secure for the community the maximum of privilege with the minimum of subordination, whether in lay or ecclesiastical affairs. The success of this comparative independence and the attitude resulting from it may be illustrated by a small but suggestive example: up to the time of our accounts the abbey had always been known as

Saint Augustine's, Bristol, but in the course of the dispute of 1491-96 the abbot begins to modify this into "Saint Augustine's beside Bristol." What no doubt began as an attempt to suggest the justice of the claim to independence of the town and a snub to the pretensions of the mayor was quietly and quickly converted into an official designation, and from henceforth the abbey, even in the royal records, is "without the town"; the weight of official conservatism in such matters was apparently quite ineffective to prevent the general adoption of the change, so that the Surrender of 1539 begins with a last defiant gesture to the town: "*Comitatus Ville Bristoll*" Seint Augustyns nigh Bristow late Monastery"; and in 1542 the new Dean and Chapter took up the cry, and from then until the end of Henry VIII's reign regularly described themselves as "nere the cite of Bristowe."

### SECTION THREE.

#### FINANCIAL ORGANISATION AND THE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

The only serious attempt to investigate the financial system of the English monasteries is, so far as we are aware, that of Mr. R. H. Snape, whose *English Monastic Finances* has been accepted without question by recent writers. As the present Accounts are the first complete sets to be published, we feel it incumbent upon us to review Mr. Snape's conclusions in the light of our fresh evidence, so much more solid than the disjointed assemblies of obedienciaries' accounts which alone were available when he wrote.

The system of obediences is well known. From the three or four essential offices of the simple days of the eleventh century, it developed the ramifications required by the increasingly complex life of later centuries, and especially by the substitution of money-rents for service- and food-rents. The fifteen obediences represented by our Bristol Accounts recall the system already familiar to every student of monastic finance. The few peculiarities in the Bristol arrangement were probably modelled on the organisation found at other Victorine houses. The two tables at pp. 10 and 11, the one showing the holders of the various offices in the two years of our Accounts, the other placing the Bristol obediences beside those of Saint Victor of Paris and those of Saint Giles and Saint Andrew, the Augustinian Abbey of Barnwell, are self-explanatory. The latter shows how the original offices were sub-divided according to the requirements of time and place, the former how



the more important obediences were controlled by a small group of the "elder and more discreet Canons." It must be remembered that these offices could only be held by fully-professed priest canons. At Saint Augustine's or any other monastery of the order a man might remain a Novice throughout his career, but we cannot agree with Snape in thinking that many were glad to do this because "the monks as a rule felt the details of business beneath their attention."<sup>1</sup> The privileges attaching to the higher rank were considerable enough to outweigh for most men any reluctance to accept business responsibility so mild as that of the average obedience. Monastic administration was essentially conservative and traditional, and the obedientiary, with his limited and almost unalterable income, required no initiative to enable him to continue the provision of the fixed services required from his office. The independence of the obediences has been exaggerated, for it was usually a liberty hedged round with limits unalterable save by the consent of the community.

## OBEDIENTIARIES AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY.

	1491-2.	1511-12.
Anniversarius	Henry Brugges	John Howell'
Camerarius	Thomas Grene [sub-prior]	Robert Elyot [prior]
Cellerarius	John Nuland' [abbot]	Robert Elyot [prior]
Coquinarius	Robert Elyot	Nicholas Chapell'
Collector Denariorum	John Martyn' [prior]	Robert Elyot [prior]
Gracie		
Collector Redditus	Henry Brugges	William Wynter
Communis ville		
Bristoll'		
Elemosinarius	Henry Brugges	Nicholas Chapell'
Hostillarius	Robert Elyot	Nicholas Chapell'
Infirmarius	William Hobbes	William Burton'
Magister Noui Operis	John Martyn' [prior]	John Nuland' [abbot]
Precentor	William Grekelade	William Fylle
Refeclorarius	Thomas Clerk'	William Wynter
Vestiarus	Henry Brugges	John Howell'
Sacrista	John Martyn [prior]	William Grekelade
		[sub-prior]
Thesaurarius Recepte	John Nuland' [abbot]	John Nuland' [abbot]
Commune		

Note how the key-posts are in the hands of the three officers of the abbey. The imperfect list for 1498 shows that this was not an absolute rule but rather a principal adhered to as closely as possible.

Compare this table with that of PERSONNEL in APPENDIX A.

<sup>1</sup> Snape, *op. cit.*, p. 132.

## FINANCIAL ORGANISATION AND ACCOUNTING II

OBEDIENCES AT ST. VICTOR, PARIS, ST. GILES & ST. ANDREW,  
BARNWELL, AND ST. AUGUSTINE, BRISTOL.

	ST. VICTOR [eleventh century]	BARNWELL [thirteenth century]	BRISTOL [ <i>circa</i> 1500]
	I. <i>General Supervision of Estates and Collection of General Revenues.</i>		
	Camerarius	Cellerarius	Camerarius
	Cellerarius	Granatarius	Cellerarius [rents in kind]
	[rents in kind]	[rents in kind]	
		Receptor	Thesaurarius Recepte Commune
		[cash income]	[cash income]
			Collector Redditus Communis ville Bristol' [local rents]
	II. <i>Domestic Management.</i>		
	Camerarius	Cellerarius	Cellerarius
	Cellerarius	Granatarius	Coquinarius
		Coquinarius	
	Refelectorarius	Refelectorarius	Refelectorarius
	Hospitarius	Hostillarius	Hostillarius
	Infirmarius	Infirmarius	Infirmarius
	Vestiarus	Camerarius	Vestiarus
	—	—	Coll. Denariorum Gracie
	III. <i>Worship and Alms.</i>		
	Sacrista	Sacrista	Sacrista
	—	—	Magister Noui Operis
	Circator	Precentor	Precentor
	Armarius	Succentor	—
	—	—	Anniversarius
	Elemosinarius	Elemosinarius	Elemosinarius

The part played by one of the accountants, the Treasurer or Bursar, calls for special consideration. In most of the monasteries in which he existed he seems to have been the officer responsible for keeping the accounts of the *Communa*, or "Common Fund" of the Convent, that is of the income and expenditure not already allocated to other departments at the time of his institution. Snape, who devotes many pages<sup>1</sup> to a consideration of the subject, concludes that the Bursar had no power of controlling the expenditure of the obedientiaries, but implies that he was intended "to place some check on his (the abbot's) administration of those funds reserved for exceptional needs, or at least to give some account of how they had been spent." While admitting the value of regular account-keeping as a check on extravagance or fraud, we must query the implication that the Bursar was ultimately

<sup>1</sup> *op. cit.*, pp. 30-70.

responsible for all expenditure out of the Common Fund of his house.<sup>1</sup> This view leaves out of account the provision made in many houses for administering the common funds by a committee of senior Canons. Regulations to this effect were especially frequent in the fourteenth century, when abbatial extravagance and mismanagement were reaching their climax, and when also the Bursar or Treasurer began to appear among the obedientiaries. At Saint Augustine's, in 1374,<sup>2</sup> it was ordained that:—

- (a) Seven trustworthy Canons should be appointed by the abbot to have custody of the common seal, each having a key.
- (b) Five elder and more discreet Canons, elected by the abbot and the convent, should be consulted by the abbot on all the more important business of the house, and from this body should be chosen the officials of the monastery who must render an Account once a year or oftener.
- (c) There are to be two collectors and receivers for spiritualities.
- (d) The abbot and the five elder and more discreet Canons are to elect two of the more prudent brethren to hold, with the abbot, the three keys of the chest for the common money of the monastery. This is to be received by the "two" and spent by the abbot and the "five."

No traces of this arrangement are to be found in the present Accounts, nor is its connection with the Treasurer at all clear. In our Rolls there are several references to expenditure made *per mandatum domini abbatis*,<sup>3</sup> or as the result of agreements made between one or other of the accountants on one hand and abbot and convent on the other.<sup>3</sup> ("Abbot and convent" in this context probably means the Chapter meeting.) In view of the regulations of 1374 it seems likely that the Treasurer was simply the official who kept the accounts of the common chest; spending was the business of the "five elder and more discreet Canons," or, if they no longer existed by 1491, of the full Chapter. Thus the Treasurer was an obedientiary pure and simple, receiving the income of part of the conventual property and out of it providing certain agreed services for the convent, and no more responsible

<sup>1</sup> It is possible that Snape himself felt less confidence in his conclusion than did some who have followed him. He inserts many qualifying "ifs" in his account.

<sup>2</sup> There is no evidence that these regulations were ever carried out, or if they were, that they lasted long. *v. Worc. Reg. Sede Vacante*, 318 [J. W. W. Bund, 1897].

<sup>3</sup> *e.g.* V d., 19; IV, 59-61.

for the expenses allotted to his office than was any other obedientiary.

By the time of our Accounts the abbot has regained his controlling position by the simple expedient of appointing himself to one or more of the most important obediences, often to the Treasurership itself. What influence the regulations of 1374 had on Newland or his successors we cannot tell; but when the abbot was also Treasurer and Cellerar, as he was in 1491-92, he could no doubt manage any committee with ease, provided that he was not bent on really lurid extravagance or misappropriation, which, after all, it was the primary object of the committee and all the other regulations to prevent. It must be remembered, however, that it was not simply by multiplying the obediences under his control that an abbot could manage his convent's finances, but by the force of his personality and his power of persuasion in the meetings of the Chapter.<sup>1</sup> If his policy were successful he would no doubt be well supported. The twenty years of Newland's rule seem to have been of great financial benefit to his house, for in 1511-12 we find a large balance in the Treasurer's Account.<sup>2</sup>

Before investigating the system of accountancy we must consider what objects the obedientiary had in view when drawing up his account; for it is only too easy to assume that, then as now, the chief object of any account was to show what had been gained or lost during a specified period. But the obedientiary was not at all concerned with this—though several editors of monastic accounts have failed to realise it. His office was to provide certain services for the community, and for that purpose there were allotted to him certain properties; if the income declined or the expenditure on those services increased, it was the business of the conventual Chapter, or of the committee of senior Canons as representing the convent, to redress the balance; similarly additional services could only be imposed on the office "by common consent," otherwise expressed as "by command of the Lord Abbot." Thus, in drawing up his annual account, he was concerned to show (1) that the services had been duly performed, and (2) the condition of the property from which he was receiving his income. The second point becomes more important when we realise that the obedientiary was constantly at war against his own carelessness: though property was the

<sup>1</sup> On the abbot's power of overriding obedientiaries and Chapter *v. Snape, op. cit.*, pp. 52 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> For discussion as to the nature of this balance *v. p. 18.*

worldly basis of their existence, though they were armed with rentals and supported by charters, our accountants frequently had to confess that such and such a tenement no longer produced any rent ; they might say that so-and-so owed eighty-four years' rent for it, or that such-and-such had got possession of it, but once in a way the real truth peeps out from such a statement as that "the tenement, its tenants, even the place where the tenement should be, are unknown."<sup>1</sup> This is particularly obvious in the present accounts owing to the large number of small tenements in and about the city belonging to the abbey that may well have been very easy to lose sight of, and liable to disappear rapidly when out of view. We may say that the rent received or the deficit sustained in any one year was unimportant beside the vital necessity of keeping some sort of hold on the property itself, and the point of many entries lies solely in the statements of claim involved in them. It must also be remembered that the obediences changed hands frequently, so that one man's account would be an invaluable guide to his successor if it indicated clearly all recent divergences from the state of affairs recorded in the last rental. This, in fact, these accounts did.

To modern investigators these and other monastic accounts must at first seem clumsy and confused. "It cannot be claimed," says Snape,<sup>2</sup> "that this organisation was other than loose, abounding in overlapping offices, and lacking a clear and comprehensible system of accounts," and he proceeds to contrast the system employed in the household of the Earls of Northumberland. We must admit that the Accounts of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, owing to certain minor variations, are easier to analyse than many others which have been printed. Their completeness and compactness simplify interpretation, and their arrangement makes them easy to follow, while our accountants seem to have been rather less reticent than others in explaining how they arrived at their final balance. But the lack of interest of previous editors in the construction of the accounts has been their main difficulty and the chief cause of their failure to realise the intention of the accountants. We venture to assert that the principles on which we have based the description which follows will be found to apply to any English monastic accounts, although differences of terminology are legion.

One of the chief difficulties of interpreting our obedientiaries'

<sup>1</sup> ix d., 32, 33 ; IX d., 30-32.

<sup>2</sup> *op. cit.*, p. 67.



accounts lies in the obscurity of some of the technical terms used. Even such apparently straightforward expressions as *Receptio*, *allocacio* or *liberacio* may cover meanings strange in modern eyes, while less simple terms such as *arreragia*, *superplusagium*, and *debentur* present still greater difficulties.

The main part of each account is comparatively easy to follow. First come the *Recepte*, or moneys due to the department concerned in the current year, such as rents—quoted at their full rental value—the perquisites of manorial courts, the proceeds of produce sold and other dues. The next set of entries in the *Compotus* shows, however, that all the sums entered as receipts were not in practice received by the accountant. For the debit items begin with a list of *defectus redditus*,<sup>1</sup> or deficiencies of rent, and *resolucio redditus*,<sup>1</sup> or rents passed on to other parties. The remaining entries on the debit “side” of the account include expenditure proper, that is payments for goods and services, and *allocaciones*, or sums set aside or “allowed” for specified purposes, though not necessarily spent on them. Clearly, therefore, the two “sides” of the account do not represent income and expenditure in the modern sense but, rather, “Income due to be received,” and “Losses of Income *plus* provision for probable expenses,” respectively.

The complications inherent in this system of accounting are increased by the presence of certain puzzling terms on both “sides” of the account.

At the head of the *Recepte* we find the *arreragia*, whatever these may be, whose sum total has been derived from the foot of the previous year’s account<sup>2</sup> and is to be included in this year’s *Summa Totalis Recepte cum arreragiis*. As the Accounts for 1490–91 and 1510–11 are lost we must seek a clue as to the nature and composition of the *arreragia* at the foot of the current account. Here if the *Recepte* and *allocaciones et liberaciones* do not exactly balance one another we find the formula

*Et debentur . . . so much*  
*Qui sunt (or Vnde)*

*Super . . .* a list of persons answerable to the department for moneys due to it at various times. These persons may

<sup>1</sup> The full significance of these terms, so far as they refer to Bristol property, is discussed in Section IV, pp. 30 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> e.g. i. 4: *Idem (i.e. the accountant) reddit compotum de . . . Cluij.li. ix.s. iiij.d. receptis de arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem.*

be (i) tenants and others owing rents, fines or other dues, (ii) previous accountants, and (iii) the present accountant. The sums for which they are responsible clearly have some connection with the *arreragia* for next financial year.

In our two Anniversarer's Accounts<sup>1</sup> the only persons concerned are tenants, or their heirs and assigns, whose rents have been in arrears for a long period. The entries describe the nature and position of the tenements, the rent *per annum* due for them, the period during which rents have been in arrears, and the total sum owed for the whole of the period. It will be found that the sum of these totals less the current year's rental value of the tenements concerned will equal the amount of the *arreragia* at the head of the account. Thus the Anniversarer's Account for 1491-92 yields the following analysis:—

	£	s.	d.
Total of unpaid rents at Michaelmas, 1491 ..	158	9	4
One year's rental value of these .. ..	3	16	8
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Total of unpaid rents at Michaelmas, 1492 ..	£162	6	0

The current year's *arreragia* is represented by the first of these figures: next year's *arreragia* will equal the last. It follows, therefore, that in our Anniversarer's Accounts the term *arreragia* means the rents owed to the department since the previous rental, made in 1453. That there was little, if any, expectation that these huge sums would ever be recovered<sup>2</sup> is seen when we turn to the same account for 1511-12, for there we find nearly every item on the 1491-92 list, while others have been added, giving us:—

	£	s.	d.
Total of unpaid rents at Michaelmas, 1511 ..	238	9	10
One year's rental value of these .. ..	4	10	0
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Total of unpaid rents at Michaelmas, 1512 ..	£242	19	10

Here again the totals constitute the *arreragia* of the Account. Long arrears of rent make up part of the *arreragia* of other accounts as well, but they are never again their sole constituent. Sometimes,

<sup>1</sup> *id.*, 8 *et seq.*; *Id.*, 16 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> But that they were nevertheless realised at times appears from the marginal notes *Hoc anno solut'* in the Anniversarer's Account for 1491. See also Introduction, p. 31.

as in the Chamberlain's two rolls,<sup>1</sup> unpaid fines appear as *arreragia*, and in other accounts we find arrears of ecclesiastical pensions.<sup>2</sup>

Often, however, the persons who are held responsible for moneys due to the obediences are the present and/or previous accountants. A good example of the possible liability of previous holders of the office concerned comes from the Bristol Rent Collector's Account for 1491-92.<sup>3</sup> There we read that besides a large sum of unpaid rents in arrears there were certain other sums outstanding, for which these previous accountants are said to be answerable, namely Brother John Mershefeld', holder of the office fifteen years ago, for £4, Brother Thomas Grene, for £23 3s. 4d., *de areragiis suis vt patet in precedente*, and William Russell', for £5 10s. od., *de parte exitus anni ij proxime precedentis*. That these sums, like the arrears in rent, were no longer realisable as cash assets, is proved by the fact that Henry Brugges, the present accountant, could not use them to meet his deficit of £7 10s. od. on the current year: instead he was enabled to square his account only by receiving a grant of £7 10s. od.<sup>4</sup> from the abbot. In the same way we find John Martyn, Master of the New Work in the same year, credited with *arreragia* amounting to £7 12s. 6½d.,<sup>5</sup> of which £2 1s. 0½d. was his own cash in hand at Michaelmas, 1491, and the rest a nineteen-year-old "balance"<sup>6</sup> of John Ashfeld', a former accountant.<sup>7</sup> On the year's workings, John Martyn found himself with a deficit of £4 12s. 7½d.; had Ashfeld's *arreragia* been available in cash this deficit would not have arisen, but, as it was, the Master of the New Work had to take £4 12s. 7½d. out of the cash profits of the Sacrist's department—also held by John Martyn—in order to cover the adverse balance of the New Work Account.<sup>8</sup> The Tables on pp. 22-23 show that other departments besides these two reckoned the "balances"<sup>8</sup> of previous accountants among their *arreragia*.

<sup>1</sup> ii d., 25-30; II d., 30-34.

<sup>2</sup> iv d., 72-74; IV d., 68-69. (Arrears of the Pension of Weare.)

<sup>3</sup> vi. 69-73. At VI. 55 the assistant seems to be held responsible.

<sup>4</sup> i.e. He had a deficit of £7 10s. od. on his current working and received £20 10s. od. from the abbot out of the rent of Trivel Mills to enable him to cover his deficit. £13 os. od. of this he makes over to the Common Fund.

<sup>5</sup> ix. 4, 5.

<sup>6</sup> ix. 76 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> ix. 73-75 and xi d., 36-40.

<sup>8</sup> We use the term "balance" here, as John Ashfeld' would have done, for moneys for which he could account only by saying that he "owed them to the account." They may have been a real cash balance, or partly or wholly lost or misappropriated. When the word appears in inverted commas we are using it in this sense.

Never, however, had these sums any present cash significance. The implication is that once a man left an office he was not in practice called upon to give up his cash in hand or to make good moneys misspent or lost. The same Tables show that all this type of *arreragia* contained in the earlier roll had disappeared by 1511: as the persons answerable for these sums had already died by 1491 or else were to die between that year and 1511, it is hardly possible that the cash had been recovered in the interval between the two Accounts. More probably the items had been ruled out by order of abbot and convent.<sup>1</sup> It is possible that the rarity of such *arreragia* in 1511-12 indicates a tighter grasp by the authorities on the departmental funds, or at least less carelessness and fraud.

Where the *arreragia* consist wholly or in part of "balances" for which the present office-holder is responsible they usually seem to be available in cash. The Master of the New Work's cash in hand of £2 1s. 0½d. in 1491<sup>2</sup> is used up in his year's workings: so is most of the Sacrist's £9 13s. 7½d.<sup>3</sup> of the same year, and there are many similar instances. But we cannot always speak positively on this point. The impression gained from a careful study of the Accounts, both of this and of other monasteries, is that the cash *arreragia* of any accountant may be called for as long as he continues to hold the same office, but that they become his perquisite when he transfers to another. If this surmise is correct all the *arreragia et exitus* of the existing office-holders may be regarded as cash assets. Absence of proof in this matter is particularly unfortunate in view of the high totals of the Treasurer's *arreragia et exitus* in the 1511-12 Account.<sup>4</sup> If John Newland's huge "balance" [£786 1s. 4d. at Michaelmas, 1511, and £868 15s. 9½d. a year later] really existed as a cash reserve, it would be a remarkable tribute to his financial ability and integrity. These sums represent an average annual balance of about £80 for the twenty years, a very creditable saving over such a period. We must admit the possibility, however, that our figures covered losses of cash and expenditure not entered on the Account, in which case the cash reserve of the Common Fund would be far smaller than it appears on paper. We must hope

<sup>1</sup> The Almoner's Rolls at Winchester afford examples of such ruling out of moneys "owed" to the Account whose recovery was evidently regarded as hopeless. *v. Kitchin, op. cit.*

<sup>2</sup> ix. 4, 76 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> xi d., 26-40.

<sup>4</sup> *v. Table at p. 22 and XIII d., 45.*

that Newland, if he did spend the money left over from his official transactions as Treasurer, spent as wisely as he usually seems to have done. Quite possibly the money went on building and was accounted for in a special account at the conclusion of the operations.<sup>1</sup>

To sum up, the *arrearagia* at the head of the Account cannot be treated as "cash in hand" or even as "realisable assets." Rather, they were made up of three possible constituents:—

- (i) Rents, fines and other dues unpaid for some years and usually unlikely ever to be paid.
- (ii) The "balances" of one or more previous holders of the office, entered against them, but apparently never called for.
- (iii) The "balance" of the present obedientiary in his current term of office, usually recoverable as long as he holds his position, but for no longer.

All these sums are entered on the credit "side" of the Account because they are technically owed to the department and because, until allowed to write them off as "bad debts," the obedientiary must continue to claim them.

Failure to realise the true nature of the *arrearagia* will produce an entirely misleading impression as to the financial position of the monastery whose accounts we are studying. It is easy for the unwary to assume that the amounts introduced by the phrase *Et sic debentur* . . . are the cash balances of the several departments, whereas close examination clearly shows that they are only partly composed of cash, the main part of them often consisting of assets no longer realisable. The figures concerned are those of the moneys which *ought* to stand to the credit of the account, not of the actual cash to be carried forward to next year. It is possible to gain a rough idea of the total cash balances of all the obedientiaries in one year by adding together all the "balances" in the hands of present accountants. This calculation seems to us worth while even though it involves the assumption that these were in fact recoverable. It yields the following figures:—

Cash balance at Michaelmas, 1491, £45 7s. 1½d., and at Michaelmas, 1492, £37 3s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Saunders, H. W., in *An Introduction to the Rolls of Norwich Cathedral Priory*, gives on p. 109 instances of postponement of payment for buildings until such time as the accumulation of a large balance in the Sacrist's Account makes diversion of funds to that purpose easy.

Cash balance at Michaelmas, 1511, £787 7s. 8½d., and at Michaelmas, 1512, £877 7s. 10d.

When we come to study the expenditure of the obedientiaries in a later section,<sup>1</sup> we shall see that the earlier year was one of heavy expenses, whence, no doubt, the decline in that year's total conventual balance. The later Roll suggests much greater prosperity; if its figures represent actual cash there is a still-increasing balance of more than a year's gross income in 1511-12.

It should be noted that the final cash balances of the departmental accounts might have been much larger had it not been that some departments had previously had to contribute to the Common Fund, thus swelling its individual balance at the expense of their own, and to the allowance *ad participacionem Conuentus*, a central fund whose character will be discussed in a later section.<sup>2</sup> The Table at p. 24 shows the distribution of these departmental payments into central funds. The figures in the Cash in hand column correspond with those of the "Balances" of present accountants in 1492 and 1512 in the Tables on pp. 22-23. Those in the second and third columns had already been subtracted from the departmental cash balances before the final *Et debentur* was calculated.

Occasionally we meet in the Accounts with the term *Superplusagium*, which rather surprisingly denotes a deficit or overdraft. It seems that such overdrafts were sometimes cancelled out by an appropriate transfer of cash from another department [*e.g.* the Master of the New Work's £4 12s. 7½d. from the Sacrist in 1491-92] or from the Abbot [*e.g.* the £7 10s. 0d. received by the Bristol Rent Collector out of the Abbot's Trivel Mills in the same year]. The Almoner's Account for 1511-12<sup>3</sup> contains the only example of a deficit which was not immediately wiped out in this way. The Almoner started the year with a deficit of £1 10s. 7½d. entered against him; during the year he saved 14s. 10d. on his current working and this he put towards clearing off his debt, thereby reducing it to 15s. 9½d. The comparative rarity of such *superplusagia* suggests that, even if the abbey seemed to lose its grip of its assets very easily, it seldom got into debt on its yearly expenditure.

<sup>1</sup> Section Five.

<sup>2</sup> *v.* pp. 74 *sqq.*

<sup>3</sup> VII d., 24-26.

It must be emphasised that our Accounts contain no single composite statement of the financial position of the convent as a whole.<sup>1</sup> Each obedience was financially self-contained even if the obedientiaries sometimes went to each other's help when their departments got into difficulties. Though our Rolls are "bound editions" of all the obedientiary accounts of certain years they do not prove that an attempt to get one total of income and expenditure was ever made. Their composite nature indicates, however, that such an attempt might easily have succeeded; by far the greatest part of the obedientiaries' profits was paid into and administered by the Common Fund, and we have already noted the probability that Abbot Newland, as Treasurer, exercised an effective practical control of his house.

The labour involved in analysing these Accounts is considerable; that of keeping them was trifling. A brief examination will show that their writing followed a time-honoured formula, which made a great part of the work mechanical, and in any case the final version was drawn up by a paid auditor, who may well have compiled the summary account from the Journals and Memoranda jotted down by the accountant. In fact much of the work was done by the servants acting as their masters' deputies. The work of an obedientiary, even if he ruled more than one department, could be light indeed, though, at the same time, the supervision possible gave full scope for vigilance and organising ability on the part of a man who chose to take his responsibility seriously.

That the financial organisation of the religious houses often broke down is clear enough. Our Accounts show it working reasonably well, and we cannot doubt that this was due to the very factor which so often spelt ruin to other houses, the large measure of control exercised by the abbot himself. The Accounts alone can give us no more than a hint as to the correctness of this view, and other evidence is sadly lacking, but at least the evidence of the Accounts is trustworthy as far as it goes. We are sure that anyone who will study them, and compare them with those of other houses, will find it impossible to resist the conclusion that Abbot John Newland was an efficient and beneficent ruler of his house.

<sup>1</sup> Saunders, *op. cit.*, pp. 17 *et seq.*, informs us of the existence of such statements in the *Status Obedientiariorum* of Norwich Cathedral Priory.

ANALYSIS OF *ARRERAGIA*

<i>ARRERAGIA</i> AT MICHAELMAS 1491.				
	Rents, Fines, etc., due to the department.	Balances of previous accountants.	Balances in hand of present accountants.	Total of <i>Arreragia</i> .
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Anniversarius .. .. .	158 9 4	—	—	158 9 4
Camerarius .. .. .	12 0	—	28 8 9½	29 0 9½
Cellerarius .. .. .	1 0 0	—	—	1 0 0
Coquinarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Coll. Denariorum Gracie ..	4 16 8	—	—	4 16 8
Coll. Redditus Comm. Bristol.	129 7 6	32 13 4	—	162 0 10
Elemosinarius .. .. .	—	8 0½	3 1 4	3 9 4½
Hostillarius .. .. .	14 10 0	7 6 7	1 8 0	23 4 7
Infirmarius .. .. .	—	6	—	6
Magister Noui Operis ..	—	5 11 6	2 1 0¾	7 12 6¾
Precentor .. .. .	8 0	7 0½	3 2	18 2½
Refectorarius .. .. .	—	—	11 2	11 2
Vestiarus .. .. .	3 17 6	—	—	3 17 6
Sacrista .. .. .	—	—	9 13 7¼	9 13 7¼
Thesaurarius Recepte Commune.	—	—	—	—
			£45 7 1½	

ANALYSIS OF *ARRERAGIA*

<i>ARRERAGIA</i> AT MICHAELMAS 1511.				
	Rents, Fines, etc., due to the department.	Balances of previous accountants.	Balances in hand of present accountants.	Total of <i>Arreragia</i> .
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Anniversarius .. .. .	239 9 10	—	—	239 9 10
Camerarius .. .. .	1 0 4	—	—	1 0 4
Cellerarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Coquinarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Coll. Denariorum Gracie ..	4 16 8	—	—	4 16 8
Coll. Redditus Comm. Bristol.	228 12 6	15 8 8	13 2½	244 14 4½
Elemosinarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Hostillarius .. .. .	24 10 0	—	13 2	25 3 2
Infirmarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Magister Noui Operis ..	—	—	—	—
Precentor .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Refectorarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Vestiarus .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Sacrista .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Thesaurarius Recepte Commune.	125 18 8	—	786 1 4	912 0 0
			£787 7 8½	



## IN COMPOTUS ROLL OF 1491-92.

*ARRERAGIA AT MICHAELMAS 1492.*

Rents, Fines, etc., due to the department.	Balances of previous accountants.	Balances in hand of present accountants.	Total of <i>Arveragia</i> .
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
162 6 0	—	—	162 6 0
1 4 0	—	27 12 9½	28 16 9½
1 0 0	—	—	1 0 0
—	—	—	—
4 16 8	—	—	4 16 8
134 13 7	32 13 4	—	167 6 11
—	8 0½	—	8 0½
15 0 0	7 6 7	2 10 0	24 16 7
—	6	—	6
—	5 11 6	—	5 11 6
8 0	7 0½	5½	15 6
—	—	12 1½	12 1½
3 17 6	—	—	3 17 6
—	—	6 18 3½	6 18 3½
—	—	—	—
		£37 3 8	

## IN COMPOTUS ROLL OF 1511-12.

*ARRERAGIA AT MICHAELMAS 1512.*

Rents, Fines, etc., due to the department.	Balances of previous accountants.	Balances in hand of present accountants.	Total of <i>Arveragia</i> .
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
242 19 10	—	—	242 19 10
1 0 10	—	19 6	2 0 4
—	—	3 6 6	3 6 6
—	—	—	—
4 16 8	—	—	4 16 8
233 17 7	15 8 8	2 17 6½ <sup>1</sup>	252 3 9½
—	—	—	—
25 0 0	—	1 8 6	26 8 6
—	—	—	—
—	—	5 1	5 1
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
125 18 8	—	868 15 9½	994 14 5½
		£877 12 11	

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Table of Balances where the 13s. 2½d. of present accountants' previous balances is not included in the cash in hand.

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF DEPARTMENTAL BALANCES.

	CASH IN HAND		PAID TO TREASURER		BALANCES TO PARTICIPATION.	
	Mich. 1492	Mich. 1512	Mich. 1492	Mich. 1512	Mich. 1492	Mich. 1512
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Anniversarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—	20 13 3½	11 10 3
Camerarius .. .. .	27 12 9½ <sup>1</sup>	19 6	7 0 0	—	—	—
Cellerarius .. .. .	—	3 6 6	22 0 0	—	—	—
Coquinarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coll : Denariorum Gracie ..	—	—	13 15 0½	—	5 1 5	17 11 4½
Coll : Redd. Com : Bristoll' ..	—	2 17 6½	13 0 0 <sup>2</sup>	6 0 0	—	—
Elemosinarius .. .. .	—	deficit	10 17 3½	deficit	—	deficit
Hostillarius .. .. .	2 10 0	1 8 6	—	—	—	—
Infirmarius .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magister Novi Operis <sup>3</sup> ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Precentor .. .. .	5½	5 1	—	—	—	—
Refectorarius .. .. .	12 1½	—	1 0 0	1 6 6	—	—
Vestiarus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	7 13 8½	9 17 3
Sacrista .. .. .	6 18 3½	—	—	2 14 4½	—	—
	£37 13 8	£8 17 1½	£67 12 4	£10 0 10½	£33 8 5	£38 18 10½

<sup>1</sup> All from the previous year : we cannot be sure that part of this had not disappeared in the interval.<sup>2</sup> The Balance of the rent from Trivel Mills ; C. R. B. had a deficit, but it seems convenient to enter this sum here.<sup>3</sup> The Master of the New Work has insufficient funds in both years, but each year he is helped by other accountants to square his account.

Thus in 1491-92 the obedientiaries had for distribution £138 14s. 5d., of which they retain £37 13s. 8d. and in 1511-12 the obedientiaries had for distribution £57 16s. 10½d. of which they retain £8 17s. 1½d.

The difference of £57 odd between the amounts handed to the Treasurer corresponds closely with the difference in the grand totals.

In 1491-92 the Treasurer has to spend every penny, but in 1511-12 he saves it all and is able to add £33 14s. 8½d. profit of his own on the current year's working, so that his total balance for the year is £82 14s. 5½d.

Thus at Michaelmas 1492 there was in hand £37 13s. 8d.

Thus at Michaelmas 1512 there was in hand £90 18s. 4½d. + any cash left over from previous years.

#### SECTION FOUR. THE MONASTIC INCOME.

Much stress has been laid on the distinction between the spiritual and temporal revenues of the monks.<sup>1</sup> In theory the dividing line is clear enough. The spiritual income was that which arose from oblations, tithe, ecclesiastical dues and the profits of churches connected with or appropriated to the monastery. All other receipts, consisting chiefly of rents and the profits of justice, were secular. In practice the importance of the consideration varied considerably. Sometimes it mattered very much: when an abbot died and the Crown tried to seize some profit from the vacancy,<sup>2</sup> or when the King wished to tax the Church, the spiritual income alone enjoyed a somewhat precarious exemption from lay interference. But the line between the two types of income was never easy to draw, and, though they could well distinguish the two when it suited them to do so, the monks

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Savine, *English Monasteries on the Eve of the Reformation*, Snape, *op. cit.*, and Coulton, *op. cit.* Also v. Abbot Maxe of Welbeck's letter to Cromwell in *L. and P. H. viii.*, vi., No. 1142.

<sup>2</sup> This fate threatened Saint Augustine's in 1428, for which see opening paragraphs of 1428 List of Temporalities, P.R.O.: S.C./Bundle 1107/No. 13.

often ignored the distinction in their own account rolls and surveys. Even surveys initiated by the central government, such for instance as the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of 1535, often fail to make the distinction clear.

In our Bristol Account Rolls "spiritualities" and "temporalities" are inextricably confused. We know that the abbey owned the Manor of Canonbury in Berkeley hundred and also the Rectory of Berkeley-herons. But the monastic accountants are content to merge all the resulting revenues under the single heading "Berkeley." Rents of manorial demesne and income from glebe, tithes of corn and secular payments in grain are not distinguished. A single lump sum represents all the Abbey's "spiritualities" and "temporalities" in Wales and Monmouthshire. There is no telling whether certain rents in Tickenham and Clevedon belong to the local rectories or to the adjoining Manor of Leigh. Such instances abound. They show that the distinction between spiritual and temporal income so much laboured by historians meant little to the men engaged in the routine of monastic finance. Either they knew it so well that there was no need to record it, or, as Dean Colet told the Convocation of 1512, "Covetousness . . . this abominable pestilence hath so entered in the mind almost of all priests, and hath so blinded the eyes of the mind, that we are blinded to all things but unto those which seem to bring unto us some gain."<sup>1</sup>

Whatever its cause the confusion makes it impossible to analyse the income of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, along the familiar lines. It seems best to abandon a method which could never be conclusive in favour of one which may produce definite results. Without forcing the issue we can divide the abbey receipts into four groups, differing considerably in size and importance, but arising naturally out of the financial organisation of the house :—

1. Oblations and fees paid directly to the Abbey itself ;
2. Revenues arising in the city and suburbs of Bristol ;
3. Income from manors, rectories and holdings outside Bristol,  
and
4. Profits from trade.

By this plan we shall follow the lines laid down by the Canons themselves for the collection of their dues, and arrive at a definite conclusion as to the value of the abbey property.

<sup>1</sup> J. H. Lupton, *Life of John Colet* (1887), pp. 293-304.

## I. OBLATIONS AND FEES PAID DIRECTLY TO THE ABBEY.

This type of income was by far the smallest received by the abbot and convent, its figures for the two years being as follows :—

	1491-92			1511-12.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Offerings at various abbey shrines <sup>1</sup> ..	0	8	6½	1	8	2½
Sanctuary Fees (each fugitive paying 4d. on admission) <sup>2</sup> .. .. .	0	4	0	1	8	
Common Seal Fees (once in 1491-92, not at all in 1511-12) <sup>3</sup> .. .. .	10	0		—		
	<hr/> £1 2 6½			<hr/> £1 9 10½		

These small sums do not suggest a vigorous or thriving community. The first item in particular compares unfavourably with the handsome offerings made at such centres of pilgrimage as Glastonbury, Durham or Walsingham during the same period.<sup>4</sup> Savine notes that in 1534 the oblations received at Walsingham amounted to as much as £260 12s. 4d. Figures from Saint Alban's, Canterbury and Hayles Abbey show that the attraction of their shrines was still great even on the very eve of the Dissolution. But Saint Augustine's, Bristol, boasted no famous saints or relic, its holy men, such as Saint Jordan,<sup>5</sup> having but local importance. The meagreness of its income from offerings is, therefore, not surprising. The oblations were probably made by visitors to the abbey, some of whom preferred perhaps to make more showy gifts of plate or jewels not recorded in the year's accounts. The Certificate of Surrender of 1539<sup>6</sup> refers to 526 oz. of silver plate reserved to the King's use and over £103-worth of "ornamentes Goodes and Catalles" sold for his profit, together with "Myteres Garnisshed with Silver gilte ragged peerles and Counterfette Stones" and "Certeyn' Garnysshing of vestimentes of Silver gilte enameld and Sette with Smalle peerles" also reserved, riches which may speak of the munificence of the abbey patrons. It is well to remember that such gifts, if gifts they were, and legacies of land or money were not at all likely even to appear in the Accounts.

<sup>1</sup> and <sup>2</sup> Sacrist's Account.

<sup>3</sup> Precentor's Account.

<sup>4</sup> v. Savine, *op. cit.*, p. 103 *et seq.*; Snape, *op. cit.*, p. 75 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> v. Note, p. 233.

<sup>6</sup> P.R.O. Exchequer: Augmentations Office Miscellaneous: E.315/494.

Some of the *oblaciones* mentioned may have been given by local worshippers, though the extent to which the abbey was ever opened to the public is most uncertain. If so the smallness of the sums collected in 1491-92 may possibly be explained as a result of the tension then prevailing between the abbey and the Town during the *Great White Book* lawsuit of that time.<sup>1</sup>

The other items in this category of income need not detain us here. We may remark in passing that, unless the sums received in Sanctuary fees in these two years are exceptionally small, it is clear that Abbot Newland must have been moved by pride rather than by avarice to insist so firmly that the Bristol authorities should respect the abbey's right of Sanctuary.

## 2. REVENUES ARISING IN BRISTOL.

Saint Augustine's drew its Bristol income from two sources, its patronage of local churches and its ownership of lands and buildings in the city and its suburbs. Of receipts drawn from these sources the Accounts give exact totals. But there were also others whose value is not specified. These were the first crop of hay from the Canons' Marsh, a large home-pasture between the monastery and the Avon, and the fruit, herbs and vegetables grown in the abbey gardens and not sold but reserved for use within the abbey.

As patron of three Bristol churches,<sup>2</sup> All Saints, Saint Nicholas and Saint Augustine the Less, the abbey was due to receive three pensions, payable by their vicars, of £2, £4 and £1 6s. 8d. each year, as well as certain offerings of wax laid at their altars. Presumably the income of these Bristol vicarages came out of oblations and the small tithes,<sup>3</sup> with the pensions reserved to the rectors. That the tithes of an urban parish were sometimes<sup>4</sup> hard to collect appears from the fact that in both years the pension due from Saint Augustine the Less was not paid, "because the vicar's benefice is so much impoverished that the said pension

<sup>1</sup> v. p. 6.

<sup>2</sup> The patronage of Saint Leonard's and its chapel of Saint Giles also belonged to the abbey, but produced no pension. Saint Giles was destroyed before 1491.

<sup>3</sup> v d., 53. In 1491 the vicar of this same church was probably glad to supplement his slender resources by earning 13s. 4d. for his services as Grammar Master of the young canons and novices.

<sup>4</sup> The All Saints and Saint Nicholas pensions were paid in full in both years: xii. 75 . . . ; XII d., 6 . . .

has been remitted by abbot and convent for the time being."<sup>1</sup> It is significant that it was still being remitted in 1512, and that after the Dissolution the King's Receiver exacted only 2s. from the same church.<sup>2</sup> Besides these pensions the abbey received fixed parts of the wax offered in these churches at the Purification and at funerals, 2s. in both years from Saint Augustine the Less,<sup>3</sup> and from Saint Nicholas 6s. 8d. in 1492 and 8s. in 1512.<sup>4</sup>

In neither of these years did the receipts from Bristol churches exceed £6 10s. 0d. This total does not include any rents. If some of the rents received by abbot and convent were for holdings owned by the churches, the Accounts do not distinguish them from the main body and we must leave them out of the present reckoning. As it stands the income from these churches is so small that it cannot have covered the expenses incurred in the upkeep of their chancels. In 1492 and 1512 the abbey had to pay no large sums for them, but we know that from about 1480 Abbot Newland had to rebuild Saint Augustine the Less,<sup>5</sup> and that in 1518-19 the Bishop of Worcester ordered abbot and convent to repair the roof and chancel of All Saints which had been badly neglected.<sup>6</sup> Though normally no excuse for the abbey's neglect of the fabric of its dependent churches, the smallness of its profits from them does explain why repairs were undertaken unwillingly. The problem has long survived the monasteries themselves.

The abbey's chief source of income in Bristol was its holdings in and around the city. The full sum due to abbot and convent in rents and issues was £176 18s. 3d. in 1492 and £159 8s. 7d. in 1512.<sup>7</sup> Unfortunately the Accounts describe a few only of the many properties concerned, referring for the rest to certain Rentals of 1453 and 1479 which no longer exist. We have, therefore, no complete list of the Bristol holdings to compare with those given in Poulet A of 1539-40 or in the Valors of 1542. Most of the details given in the abbey Accounts are of tenements which did not yield the full rental value.

Abbot and convent seem to have had much difficulty in

<sup>1</sup> ix d., 12 . . . ; IX d., 13 . . .

<sup>2</sup> v. Poulet A, 1539-40. The tower at least was being rebuilt in 1491 and probably the greater part of the church also.

<sup>3</sup> ix d., 16 . . . ; IX d., 17 . .

<sup>4</sup> xi d., 34 . . . ; XI d., 27 . .

<sup>5</sup> Nicholls and Taylor, *Bristol Past and Present*, II. 237.

<sup>6</sup> Barrett, p. 438.

<sup>7</sup> v. Appendix C.

collecting their due. Their losses in rent are recorded under three heads, *Defectus Redditus*, Arrears and *Respectuantur*,<sup>1</sup> and in the two years concerned they amounted to approximately one-quarter and one-third of the respective totals due. The details are instructive :—

	1491-92.				1511-12.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Defectus Redditus	32	0	8 on 84 holdings.		42	4	10 on 118 holdings
Respectuantur ..		6	8 on 1 holding.			6	8 on 1 holding.
Arrears .. ..	8	16	1 on over 37 holdings.		9	8	5 on over 21 holdings.
	<hr/> £41 3 5 <hr/>				<hr/> £51 19 11 <hr/>		

*Defectus Redditus*, or deficiencies in rent, included both temporary lapses and agreed reductions in the sum payable. Most of them were probably due to the making of new leases subsequent to the main Rentals. In the early sixteenth century rents were everywhere falling and the terms of new leases must have reflected the general tendency. Another cause of lower rents may have been dilapidation. Though the Accounts mention considerable expenditure on repairs to Bristol property—£27 os. 11½d. in 1492, and £17 5s. 5½d. in 1512—the past history of the Abbey holdings in Bristol suggests they had once been very much neglected. The Exchequer Roll of 1428 states that in that year “five messuages, sixteen shops and the water-mill called Trivelmille yielded nothing because they were ruinous, vacant and worthless.”<sup>2</sup> The clear statement that certain buildings within the Sanctuary were decayed<sup>3</sup> and the marked decline in the rents for the Masonry and other quarters<sup>4</sup> suggest that repairs were still being neglected. Another reason for loss of rent is rather naively given by the Precentor, who admitted that he received nothing out of 4s. once paid for three shops near the Blind Gate in Wine Street, “because the rent is altogether withheld and the aforesaid shops and the place where the rent ought to be raised and even the tenants are unknown.”<sup>5</sup> This entry does not speak well for the accuracy of the records kept by previous accountants. Genuine poverty and

<sup>1</sup> v. Glossary.

<sup>2</sup> Folio I of *Exch. Issue Roll*, 1428.

<sup>3</sup> v. XII d., 5-17.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. xi. 40-50 and XI. 40-67.

<sup>5</sup> ix d., 31-33; IX d., 30-33.



mere casualness on the part of tenants might have been further causes of default, and we must not leave out, finally, the possibility of deliberate knavery.<sup>1</sup> Much damage and loss was, no doubt, suffered between 1451 and 1456, when Abbot Newbery was expelled by Thomas Sutton.<sup>2</sup> One rental dates from that very period.<sup>3</sup>

Whether they were intentional or involuntary, long standing defaults were transferred from the category *Defectus Redditus* to that of Arrears at the foot of the Account. Here are recorded rents long unpaid, the period covered ranging from five to eighty-five years. Every year they were recited afresh as witness of the determination of abbot and convent that their claims should not be forgotten. Our Accounts give two instances of the transfer of items from one category to another. In the earlier Anniversarier's Account we read of a *defectus redditus* of 13s. 4d., the entire rent of a free tenement in Cow Lane, lately held by John More.<sup>4</sup> Among the Arrears for the same year is a marginal direction that this default, now of some year's standing, must in future be entered there.<sup>5</sup> The same bad debt, charged to the account of John More's successors in the holding, John Mauncell and John Colas, is still among the Arrears in 1512.<sup>6</sup> The same persons were also involved in debts on other holdings, but no explanation of their default is offered. Another transfer from *Defectus* to Arrears of Rent was that of Walter Grymstedde's 8d. a year, the partial rent of his holdings in Broadmead, which in 1512 first appears as one of the Bristol Rent Collector's Arrears.<sup>7</sup> Once only is the reason for the prolonged withholding of rent given; the Anniversarier attributes the non-payment of 10s. a year due from the tenement Maildewe in High Street to the Prior of Saint James' unjust but successfully asserted claim to the holding.<sup>8</sup> Considering the length of time covered by some of the arrears it is consoling to read an occasional marginal entry to the effect that the year's due, and occasionally past years' as well, has been "*hoc anno solut*."<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> v. Anniversarers' and Bristol Rent Collectors' Accounts.

<sup>2</sup> Barrett, p. 268.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. 1453: v. Anniversarers' and Almoners' Accounts.

<sup>4</sup> i. 65-66.

<sup>5</sup> i.d., 25 margin.

<sup>6</sup> I d., 26-28.

<sup>7</sup> VI d., 11-13.

<sup>8</sup> i.d., 40, 41; I d., 39-41.

<sup>9</sup> e.g. i.d., 21, 26.

Only one example of a *Respectuantur* appears in connection with Saint Augustine's Bristol property. This was a rent of which payment has been deferred, or rather refused, on account of disagreement over a debt claimed from the abbey by the executors of a former tenant. The details appear in the Bristol Rent Collector's Accounts for both years.<sup>1</sup>

Some of the abbey holdings were not its own property, but were leased from other owners at fixed rents which appear in the Accounts under the heading *Resolucio Redditus*. But this heading probably covered other payments as well. It was not uncommon to dedicate the rents of certain tenements in full or in part to a religious body<sup>2</sup> or to certain individuals, and the sums handed over to the Nuns of "Kyngton"<sup>3</sup> or to the Abbot of "Tyntarn"<sup>4</sup> may have been of this type. Sometimes people would present lands or buildings to a monastery on condition that the monks prayed for the donor's health in life and for his soul after death, and that part of the rent from such holdings was paid each year to the donor's heirs. The Collector of Bristol Rents paid 6s. 8d. to the heirs of Thomas Broke<sup>5</sup> and 8s. to the heirs of Thomas Lyons of Stokeley<sup>5</sup> for lands and tenements in Bristol, perhaps for this reason. Some of the rents passed on were paid by one obedientiary to another, as when the Almoner, receiving 8s. for "Nyweclose," handed 7s. of it to the Anniversarer;<sup>6</sup> the holding was probably shared by the two offices according to some bequest. Such an explanation may apply also to some of the payments made to churches and to other monasteries.

The *Resolucio Redditus* includes the payment of "Langable Rents" to the civic authorities of Bristol.<sup>7</sup> These were the money rents paid by the burgage tenants of this and other mediæval towns. Locally they had been payable to the King as Lord of the Honour of Gloucester from 1188—or earlier—until 1461-62, when Edward IV made over this and other rights to the Mayor and Commonalty.<sup>8</sup> Since then Langable Rents had been payable

<sup>1</sup> vi. 6-12; VI. 1-7.

<sup>2</sup> W. W. Veale, *Burgage Tenure in Mediæval Bristol*, pp. 257 *et seq.* [Bristol Record Society, Vol. II.]

<sup>3</sup> i. 48; I. 41.

<sup>4</sup> v. 15; V. 14, 15.

<sup>5</sup> v. 12-14; V. 12-13.

<sup>6</sup> vij. 39, 40; VII. 33, 34.

<sup>7</sup> Veale, *op. cit.*, pp. 29 *et seq.*; pp. 137 *et seq.*

<sup>8</sup> Seyer, *Charters of Bristol* [1812], 12 Feb. 1 Edw. 4, *i.e.* 1460-61. (No. XXII.)

to the city Bailiffs even though they were still called "the King's Langable." The tenements concerned in our Accounts are seven, including one garden.<sup>1</sup> Their langable rents vary from 1s. 3d. to 3½d., the commonest being 7½d. The holdings were all charged with an ordinary rent as well.

As the abbey Accounts give no complete list of Saint Augustine's Bristol property, it is not possible to discover from them alone the numbers, character and legal status of the monastery's local holdings. But though no exactly contemporary evidence is available, this gap in our knowledge can be filled in part from the 1428 List of Temporalities, from Richard Poulet's Receiver's Accounts and from the Valors of 1542.

These documents agree that the abbey had three chief kinds of tenant in Bristol.

First there were the FREEHOLDERS, paying an "assize" or fixed rent for their holdings.<sup>2</sup> These tenants held for life or in fee simple. They enjoyed complete security of tenure and as long as they paid their rents regularly their seisin was complete and protected both by the King's Courts and by the appropriate borough Court. Numbers of *liberi tenentes* are mentioned in the Accounts, but we are not told how many of them there were. In 1428 the annual rents of Saint Augustine's free tenants in Bristol came to £17 7s. 5d., payable in equal parts at Easter and at Michaelmas, but the number of holdings is not given.<sup>3</sup> In 1539-40 there were twenty-seven holdings, returning in all *redditus assise* worth £5 17s. 0d. and 1 lb. pepper. The tenants include persons of some quality and consequence in the city, Nicholas Poyntz Miles, John Marbyn *generosus*, the Rector of Saint Michael's, the Vicar of Saint Leonard's and the *Procuratores* of Christ Church and Redcliffe. The holdings comprised ordinary tenements, including Saint Michael's Rectory and Saint Leonard's Vicarage, and several gardens and appurtenances, and their rents were usually low, ranging from 1s. for two tenements on Saint Augustine's Back to 13s. 4d. for a messuage opposite the High Cross in High Street. The pound of pepper for one tenement in Saint Peter's Parish is the only rent in kind.

A second and much larger class of tenant appears in the Receiver's Accounts under the heading *Redditus Custumariorum*

<sup>1</sup> v. Index.

<sup>2</sup> Poulet A, Henry VIII, 31-32, fo. I.

<sup>3</sup> S.C./Bundle 1107/No. 13, fo. I.

*Tenencium et Tenencium ad voluntatem domini*.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the procedure regularly followed in Poulet A this list comes immediately after the *Redditus Assise liberorum tenencium*. In a manorial context the reference to customary tenants would be normal, but their existence in a long-established borough like Bristol and in such large numbers (122 holdings are involved) calls for comment.

The explanation which at once suggests itself is that the holdings concerned were part of the several manors, such as Barton Regis or Bedminster, outside the city walls. This solution might fit the tenements and gardens in Frogmore Street or Broadmead, which may have come within the bounds of Billeswick or Barton, but it does not explain the presence of customary tenants in the heart of Bristol, Corn Street, Wine Street or High Street. In his *Burgage Tenure in Mediæval Bristol*, Dr. W. W. Veale has shown that the borough of Bristol owed its origin to industry rather than to agriculture, and that by the fourteenth century its agricultural features had been almost entirely overlaid by the burghal institutions better suited to its life as a trading community.<sup>2</sup> These burghal developments were even overflowing the walled area into the suburbs, where burghal tenure appears as early as the twelfth century. The survival of such a typically rural tenure as customary tenure within the walled area of Bristol would, therefore, seem strange at least, if not altogether anomalous. There is no hint of its existence except in Poulet A and in the Cathedral Valor. The 1428 List of Temporalities which takes full cognisance of customary tenants or tenants at will in the abbey's village property makes no mention of them in Bristol. The abbey Accounts also ignore them, but, as they make no note of customary tenants in the manors either, their evidence is not worth much in this context. We admit ourselves at a loss to explain their presence in Poulet A unless it be due to unintelligent use of a formula by the scribe who penned his Account. It will be objected that the Court of Augmentations would surely not employ officials ignorant of legal terms. But the improbability dwindles when we recollect that all information given in the Receivers' Accounts was given on absolutely rigid and formal lines fitted to the rural properties of the ex-monasteries, which greatly outnumbered their urban possessions. The scribe's business was to fit the facts to the formulæ, not the formulæ to the facts: uniformity, essential

<sup>1</sup> Poulet A, Henry VIII, 31-32, folios 1 d., II, II d.

<sup>2</sup> *op. cit.*, Introduction.

for speedy checking of accounts, was to him more important than legal accuracy. If there were in Bristol tenants who could not be fitted into the categories of *Liberi tenentes* or *Firmarii*, it was simpler to put them in the only other available class as *Tenentes custumarii* than to invent a more exact alternative.

If the "customary tenants" of Poulet A were not really customary tenants at all it behoves us to suggest their true identity. The solution offered cannot be stated dogmatically, but it is consistent with the known facts about urban tenures generally and those of Bristol in particular. Poulet's list is probably composite. Some of the holdings are labelled *per cop' cur'* and may have been ordinary copyholds: all these are on the outskirts of the city. Another group described as *ad vol' dni* may also have had a villein origin. But the big majority seem to have been SHORT-TERM LEASEHOLDERS.<sup>1</sup> Such tenants were common in all boroughs, and a scribe not conversant with legal niceties might easily have confounded them with customary tenants. They were not Freeholders, and their titles usually depended on informal agreement with their landlords rather than on indenture. Their rents varied from 1s. to £1 13s. 4d. and amounted in all to £46 3s. 4d. in 1539-40. They were then by far the most numerous of the ex-abbey tenants.

The third class consisted of the *Firmarii* or LONG TERM LEASEHOLDERS. Though not so labelled in either the 1428 Temporalities List or in the abbey Accounts their identity is clear enough. Their leases were created by indenture and varied from ten to eighty-five years, most of them being for forty. The largest *firma* recorded for Bristol was that of the King's Head Tavern in High Street, with two adjacent tenements, at £6 13s. 4d. a year. Three holdings, *Amenerescourt'*, *Newclos'* and *Cantokkesclos'* appear also in the 1428 list. Unlike the short-term leaseholders, the *firmarii* were responsible for repairs to property, a natural liability for the holder of a long lease. In 1539-40 the yearly value of the *Firme Bristoll'* was £55 9s. 8d.

Saint Augustine's enjoyed a further small income from its own jurisdiction in the sometime manor of Billeswick in which the abbey stood. In 1491-92 the perquisites of this court stood at 4s.<sup>2</sup> as against 8s. 8d. for expenses,<sup>3</sup> which included the Seneschal's fee of half a mark. This jurisdiction was fiercely

<sup>1</sup> v. Pollock and Maitland, *History of English Law*, II. pp. 106 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> xi. 35, 36.

<sup>3</sup> xi. 77.

contested in the *Great White Book* case of 1491-96, which ended by making the City authorities responsible for the costs while dividing the profits between them and the Canons.<sup>1</sup> By 1512 the abbey's perquisites were only 8½d.<sup>2</sup> In 1539-40 they were 11d.<sup>3</sup>

The Table in Appendix C summarises the income and charges connected with the abbey's tenurial resources in Bristol. The marked drop in receipts between 1492 and 1512 was largely due to the increase of over £10 in *defectus redditus* and arrears, though this was partly counterbalanced by a slight increase of rents by 1512 and a saving on repairs.<sup>4</sup> The decline is mainly accounted for by the complete disappearance in the later year of the £20 10s. od. rent of Trivel Mills.<sup>5</sup>

The Clear Yearly Value of all the abbey's Bristol property in 1491-92 and in 1511-12 may be compared with the corresponding figures for 1539-40 and 1542.<sup>6</sup>

	1491-92			1511-12			1539-40			1542		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Bristol Churches ..	6	8	8	6	10	0	6	8	8	6	8	8
From holdings and court ..	99	9	11½	76	9	5½	83	9	3½	88	19	4
	<hr/> £105 18 7½			<hr/> £82 19 5½			<hr/> £89 17 11½			<hr/> £95 8 0		

It seems very probable that the Bristol property was not interfered with between 1539 and 1542, but handed intact to the Dean and Chapter in the latter year. If this supposition be correct, we see a remarkable steadiness in this class of revenue. On the available evidence it seems fair to conclude that Abbot Newland garnered his abbey's Bristol resources reasonably well. In a period of falling rents he had been unable to prevent some slight decline in income, but he had avoided a landslide and even the King's Receiver had not been able to extract a much larger sum.

<sup>1</sup> *Great White Book of Bristol*, fo. 36.

<sup>2</sup> IX. 36, 37.

<sup>3</sup> Poulet A, Henry VIII, 31-32.

<sup>4</sup> Possibly a deliberate policy lies behind these figures. Were the most dilapidated tenements being abandoned and attention concentrated on repairs to the better ones? This would produce the increase which we have noted both in arrears and in some rents as well as the saving on repairs in 1511-12.

<sup>5</sup> v. Introduction, p. 6, and p. 269.

<sup>6</sup> The 1539-40 figures are taken from Poulet A for that year; those for 1542 are from the Cathedral Valor.

## 3. REVENUES ARISING OUTSIDE BRISTOL.

Savine estimated that in 1535 the monasteries drew more than five-sixths of their revenue from rural rents and "ferm," from the profits of manorial courts and from their country rectories.<sup>1</sup> The sum total of receipts arising from the non-urban property of the monasteries was indeed of transcendent importance to them.

What is true of the religious houses generally is also true of Saint Augustine's, Bristol. Much the largest part of the abbey's yearly income arose from its property outside Bristol. Except for three cells by the North Gate at Bath the whole of this property was rural. It consisted of manors, stray tenements and rectories situated not only in the neighbouring counties of Somerset and Gloucestershire, but further afield as well, in Devon, Dorset, Monmouthshire, Glamorgan and even Ireland. This wide distribution of lands and interests involved elaborate organisation and sometimes far travel on the part of the abbey officials. The Chamberlain's rides to hold the Hocktide and Michaelmas courts in the various manors,<sup>2</sup> and the Abbot's visits to Almondsbury, Thornbury and Berkeley<sup>3</sup> on conventual business illustrate the energy and expense involved in the management of far-flung estates, and partly explain why the more distant lands were often farmed out to long-term leaseholders.

Unfortunately it is not possible to determine the area of the abbey lands or their exact composition. The house is not mentioned in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*,<sup>4</sup> nor in the Paper Surveys. No wholesale survey of its estates has survived, if one was ever made, though one or two manorial Valors are extant, notably a post-Dissolution Rental of Canonbury.<sup>5</sup> The Abbey Accounts, Poulet A and the two Valors of 1542 mention arable, meadow, pasture and woodland. The gap is partially filled by a much earlier document, the badly-mutilated Temporalities List of 1428. This gives us our only definite information as to the extent of these different types of land making up the abbey demesnes in twenty-one places.

<sup>1</sup> Savine, *op. cit.*, p. 140.

<sup>2</sup> ii. 55, 56; II. 55, 56.

<sup>3</sup> XIII. 56, 57.

<sup>4</sup> Kingswood (near Wotton-under-Edge), Holy Trinity and Saint Andrew's, York, are the only other houses not there mentioned.

<sup>5</sup> P.R.O. List of Rentals and Surveys.

## COMPOSITION OF ABBEY DEMESNES IN 1428 A.D.

County.	Place.	Area of Arable.	Area of Meadow.	Area of Pasture.	Area of Woodland.	Total Area.
Gloucester- shire.	Horefeld' <i>Manerium</i> ..	100	6	—	20	126
	Almondesbury „ ..	200	40	20	40	300
	Cromehale „ ..	60	14	13	24	111
	Erlyngham „ ..	40	16	—	—	56
	Hamme <i>Dominium</i> ..	9 <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	9
	Hille „ ..	33 <sup>1</sup>	7	—	—	40
	Stone „ ..	28	2	—	—	30
	Bevyngton' „ ..	50	10	—	—	60
	Swaneshungre and Waneswelle <i>Dominium</i> }	28	2	—	—	30
	Asshelworth' <i>Manerium</i>	200	30	—	—	230
	Berton Regis iuxta Bristol <sup>2</sup> .	36	4	—	—	40
Dorset.	Fyfhide Maudelyne <i>Manerium</i> .	100	20	80	3	203
Somerset.	Lyghe <i>Manerium</i> ..	200	12	—	30	242
	Portbury and Hamme	60	4	—	—	64
	Rowberwe and Ilwyke	80	12	—	—	92
	Baggerugge .. ..	50	8	—	—	58
	Estharpetre .. ..	80	7	34	—	121
	Staunton' Drewe ..	12 <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	12
		1,366ac.	194ac.	147ac.	117ac.	1,824ac.

These figures show the marked predominance of ploughland over any other kind. In 1428 it occupied fully seven-eighths of the monastic demesne. Meadow, that is grassland which might be used for grazing after the hay had been lifted from it, was the most plentiful of the other types. Pasture lagged a little way behind, but was less widely distributed; it would seem that most of the pasture lands in abbey manors were common, and very few in demesne. Woodland was the least plentiful of all. The cheapest kind of land was arable, varying from 2d. an acre at Horfield and Baggeridge to 1s. an acre at Stone and King's Barton. Woods are not priced. Meadow was worth from 8d. an acre at Horfield to 1s. 4d. at Bevyngton, East Harptree and Fifehead. The price of pasture ranged from 4d. to 6d., being but a few pence higher than that of arable in the same places. At

<sup>1</sup> These lands are called *terre*, not *arab'*, but that is its probable meaning.

<sup>2</sup> Berton Regis might represent Blakesworth; if so, only Cerney and Codrington are missing from this list out of the Gloucestershire lands; Somerset and Dorset are complete, but Halberton and the South Wales manors are missing. With the exception of Codrington all these were "outliers," though that hardly seems sufficient reason for their escaping inclusion. Poulet (Pawlett) seems to have been a rectorial manor.



their face value the figures suggest that in 1428 the abbey demesnes were mainly devoted to tillage, that enough meadow was used to keep the plough cattle in winter feed, and that sheep farming was not very far developed. Our evidence is, however, admittedly one-sided, for records of demesne alone cannot tell us whether the Abbey had rights of common in the places mentioned.<sup>1</sup>

By 1491 and still more by 1511 changes in the relative importance of different types of land might reasonably be expected.<sup>2</sup> By then the neglect of tillage for sheep-farming was at its height; many landlords were not only turning their arable into pasture, but were busily enclosing common pasture and waste as sheep runs. Savine tells us that many monasteries had joined the army of enclosers, though they seldom cut down their tillage.<sup>2</sup> The later evidence for Saint Augustine's is largely negative. The only reference to sheep-farming in the Accounts is the Chamberlain's statement that nothing was paid to the reeve of Leigh for the washing and shearing of sheep for a reason appearing in the Manorial Compotus.<sup>3</sup> Probably the reason was that the demesne pasture was farmed out. In Poulet A and in the Valors of 1542 we read of several such *firmæ pasturarum*, notably of pasture for 500 sheep in *Communibus Pasturis et in locis Communalibus* at Leigh for sixty years dating from 1537.<sup>4</sup> But there is no available evidence to suggest that the abbey made great profit out of sheep-farming or that its pastureland had increased. Rather do the Accounts themselves and our later authorities give the impression that the chief emphasis was regularly laid on tillage. In 1491-92 the Cellerar received 457 qu. of grain and, in 1511-12, 325 qu. 4 bu. *de providencia Maneriorum et Rectoriarum*,<sup>5</sup> but no receipts of wool or of profits from sheep-farming are recorded. Such evidence cannot be conclusive, but the reasonable inference is that the Canons preferred to lay stress on the production of grain and that, even in the early sixteenth century, arable was still the chief type of land in demesne.

Saint Augustine's held secular estates in some forty-four different places mentioned by name in the Accounts. Of these,

<sup>1</sup> *v.* Leases of *Rouburgh* [1407] quoted in Appendix B from Consistory Court Archives of Bristol; also *Lygh, eodem loco*.

<sup>2</sup> Savine, *op. cit.*, p. 107 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> *ii d.*, 6, 7; *II d.*, 19, 20.

<sup>4</sup> Bishopric Valor [P.R.O. E.315/389], fo. ix. Also *v.* Appendix B for suggestions as to abbot's income.

<sup>5</sup> *v.* *iii d.*, 1-48; *III d.*, 1-43; also Appendix D.

fifteen<sup>1</sup> were complete manors—Almondsbury, Ashleworth, Berkeley (*alias* Canonbury), Blacksworth, Codrington, Cromhall, Fifehead, Halberton, Horfield, Leigh, Penarth, Peterstone-in-Wentloog, Pawlett, Rowberrow and South Cerney. The rest were either outlying members of some of these manors or unattached holdings in other places.

The organisation of these estates reflected some of the main tendencies in contemporary estate management. The high cost of agricultural labour was inducing many landowners to withdraw from the active management of their property. They sought to reduce their own risks and ensure a regular income by farming out a large part of their lands. The monasteries found themselves adopting the same expedient, and our Accounts illustrate its workings in the estates of one particular house.

Five manors were farmed out in their entirety. These were Codrington, Halberton, Penarth, Peterstone and Pawlett. The lease of Codrington, which appears almost in full in the 1491-92 Accounts,<sup>2</sup> gives a good idea of the terms made and is probably typical. The *firma* consisted of the site of the manor house with its outbuildings, the demesne lands, tenants' holdings in both Codrington and Wapley and tithes of grain in Wapley parish. All these were leased to John Poule for life on December 1, 1484, at £11 8s. 6d. a year. Two conditions were attached. John Poule was to be fully responsible for repairs and the upkeep of the property, and he was required to reserve the two chief rooms on the south side of the manor house for the Lord Abbot or his officers when they visited the place. The sole connection left between the Abbey and its manor was the receipt of the year's rent. No court is mentioned in the lease, but if there should have been one in any of these wholly-farmed manors, possibly the *firmarius* would have taken over full rights to hold it and to take the perquisites.<sup>3</sup> Except for Codrington, all these five manors were

<sup>1</sup> Possibly this number is an under-estimate. "Erlingham" is called a *Manerium* in the 1428 Exchequer List, and is credited with having a court in the Accounts; but neither Poulet nor the Valors of 1542 call it a manor. Bradley is called a manor in both Accounts of the Collector of Grace Money, and Petshaw is also so termed *eisdem locis*. v. Appendix D.

<sup>2</sup> ix. 13-33.

<sup>3</sup> The following facts have some bearing on the subject:—(a) The *firmarius* was occasionally made bailiff and steward and given a livery: cf. lease of Peterstone, Cath. Valor, fo. xxi d.; Cap. Act. I, fo. 66; and G. T. Clark, *Cart. and Mon. Glamorgan*, p. 1,860. (b) Rouburgh farmed in 1407: courts definitely reserved; Appendix B. (c) Halberton lease continued by Dean and Chapter with right to hold a court and take the profits; Cap. Act., ib. I, fo. 22 [1549].

far from Bristol and rather off the beaten track followed by the Chamberlain in his half-yearly visits. Their detailed management could therefore be achieved much more successfully by an interested *firmarius* on the spot than by a distant abbot's salaried agent.

In six manors the Abbey gave up direct control of the demesne only. *Firmarii terrarum dominicalium* existed at Fifehead, Leigh and Horfield and almost certainly at Rowberrow,<sup>1</sup> and *appruatores terrarum dominicalium* at Almondsbury and Ashleworth. The distinction between the two terms is clear in Du Cange where the *firmarius* is simply a leaseholder and the *appruator* a sort of bailiff set in charge of his master's demesnes and bound to extract the utmost profit by making *appruamenta* or improvements in them. But in our accounts the line between the two is most uncertainly drawn. One and the same man is called both *firmarius* and *appruator* at Horfield;<sup>2</sup> at Ashleworth the demesne is *ad FIRMAM in denariis* and yet under an *appruator*,<sup>3</sup> and this *appruator* hands over the perquisites of the manorial court.<sup>4</sup> These seeming inconsistencies may be scribal errors; more probably they show that the distinction between the two is of little or no practical importance. The *firmarius* certainly pays a fixed rent: the *appruator*, however, was probably either a salaried official or else he got a percentage of the total yield of the demesne [in either case his "salary" would be entered in the manorial accounts]. The available evidence is inconclusive. It is worth noticing that the manors whose demesnes were controlled separately from the rest of the estate were those with the largest demesnes in 1428. In all of them there was a Collector of Rent who supervised the abbey's freehold and customary tenants and—except at Ashleworth—collected the fines, heriots and other dues payable by them. And in all of them the manorial court was held twice a year in the presence of the Chamberlain of the abbey.

The remaining five<sup>5</sup> manors, Canonbury, Blacksworth, Crom-

<sup>1</sup> No *firma* from Rowberrow is specifically mentioned in the Accounts, but the Collector of Rent pays in £10 10s. 4d. to the Treasurer in 1491-92, and £10 11s. 10d. in 1511-12, which sums may cover the *firma terre dominicalis* as well as the tenants' holdings. A *firmarius* of Rowberrow is clearly mentioned in xiii. 4, 5. The word "demesne" does not occur in the lease of 1407; probably there was very little land in demesne.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. iii d., 27 and xii., 31.

<sup>3</sup> v. iii d., 4 and III d., 14.

<sup>4</sup> ii. 5; II. 5.

<sup>5</sup> i.e. if Arlingham is omitted, v. p. 40, note 1.

hall and South Cerney, were directly managed by either a bailiff or a *Collector Redditus*, the paid agent of the abbot and convent. Part of the Canonbury demesnes was, however, farmed out, namely those of Hill. The numerous non-manorial holdings also had their rents levied by a Collector, but even they were sometimes leased to a *firmarius*, as for instance were Baggeridge and Petshaw.

The abbey's spiritualities outside Bristol illustrate the same readiness on the part of the Canons to delegate the active management of their property to others. According to Poulet<sup>1</sup> they owned twenty churches:—*In Gloucestershire*—Almondsbury, Ashleworth, Berkeley-herons, Elberton, Filton, Horfield, Kingsweston, Wapley; *In Somerset*—Clevedon, Pawlett, Portbury, Tickenham, Weare; *In Wales and Monmouthshire*—Penarth, Peterstone, Rumney, St. Mellon's, Marshfield; *In Dorset*—Fifehead; *In Devon*—Halberton. In its capacity of Rector, Saint Augustine's was entitled to a large share of the revenues of these churches, the residue being left to the incumbent as his salary and for such expenses as the parish itself was bound to meet. The Accounts give no details as to the exact apportionment of the income, but the Receiver's Accounts and the Valors of 1542 indicate very strongly that the rector's share consisted mainly of tithe. This arrangement would have been in line with that adopted by the majority of appropriating monasteries, for Savine reckons that "tithes of different kinds . . . amounted to no less than five-sixths of the whole"<sup>2</sup> spiritual income of the monasteries. Dean Chetwynd's Survey of Bristol Cathedral property<sup>3</sup> in 1619 shows a good deal of glebe which is in the possession not of the vicars but of the rectors: if the abbey received any money from this source it is not clearly shown in the Accounts, though the large lands in Tickenham, Clevedon and other places may have been glebe, and not, as at first appears, secular estates. Whatever its component parts the rectorial income due to the Canons seems to have been paid to them in three different ways.

First, the vicar of a church might pay them a *pensio* in composition for the full income due. We have already seen how this was done by the abbey's Bristol churches. A further example

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* Poulet A. The Certificate of Surrender, 1539, omits Elberton and Horfield, which were both chapels of Almondsbury, and Filton and Kingsweston. Marshfield is also omitted. But the Certificate of Surrender adds Rowberrow parsonage and Finemere parsonage: probably the abbot had the right of presentation to these, but they were not appropriated.

<sup>2</sup> Savine, *op. cit.*, p. 107.

<sup>3</sup> In the Bristol Chapter Archives.

is the Pension of Weare, at £9 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup> a year both in the Accounts and in the Post-Dissolution surveys.

Second, the rector's interest in a living might be farmed out. This farming of rectorial income (*firme rectorie*) was, like the farming of secular estates, a matter of convenience as much as of profit, and the practice long survived the monasteries. Saint Augustine's farmed out its revenues from at least eleven of its twenty churches outside Bristol, Elberton, Fifehead, Halberton, Kingsweston, Pawlett, Penarth, Peterstone—with its dependent churches of Marshfield, Rumney and Saint Mellon's—and Wapley. The Bishopric Valor for Elberton<sup>2</sup> illustrates how one such *firma rectorie* worked. The tithe barn there and all tithes of corn, rye, barley, beans, peas, oats, hay and other *proficua* were farmed to one Maurice Walshe, *generosus*, and his assignees for sixty years from October 4, 1527, at £6 a year, the very sum given in the abbey Accounts. The next entry informs us that one tenement, some land and a croft called "Pristecroft" and appurtenances, together with the small remnant of tithes not already farmed out to Maurice Walshe, were let free of charge to the curate, John Bond, clerk, as part of his salary for life, as from June 23, 1534. These arrangements may both have been continuations of previous practice. To the list of rectories *ad firmam* should perhaps be added Almondsbury, Ashleworth and Berkeley-herons and possibly some others which appear to have been farmed out in Poulet though not stated to be so treated in the abbey Accounts.

Thirdly, the relevant payments were made in detail by the parishes themselves. The entries about flax tithes in the Hostillar's Accounts<sup>3</sup> illustrate this piecemeal collection of dues, and suggest its main disadvantage—adverse fluctuations in the sums so raised. The receipts from the sale of flax in 1491 and still more in 1511 are lower than they used to be; whether from a general decline in flax prices or from a falling off in the quantity or quality of the local crop does not appear. Where the rector's rights were farmed at a fixed sum over a long period such a fall in rectorial income would not have occurred.

Snape<sup>4</sup> laments the increase of "ferms" on monastic estates in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. He admits that "economically, no doubt, . . . it was more profitable to let out

<sup>1</sup> iv d., 25-27; IV d., 25-27.

<sup>2</sup> Bishopric Valor, fo. 7 d.

<sup>3</sup> viii. 10-16; VIII. 9-14.

<sup>4</sup> Snape, *op. cit.*, p. 94.

estates on lease than to carry on the old system. But . . . the process must have been disastrous to the influence of the monasteries on society. . . . The close contact between the monks and the world in general, which had given monasticism its chance of doing something for the world which it had renounced, was ceasing to exist." There is undoubted truth in this view, but less than at first sight appears. The monasteries as a whole had never used their worldly contacts as landlords and patrons of churches as a means of promoting social reform. These contacts had in fact distracted much of their attention from their proper function, which was to exercise true religion within the precincts of their monastery and relieve the sick and needy who came to their doors for help. The reduction of such contacts was in itself in line with the wishes of the founders: it gave more time for prayer and praise at home and, by increasing revenues, gave the monks greater financial security and enlarged the funds available for charity. If the religious houses neglected these opportunities it was because their worldly interests were already too absorbing—and spiritual fervour already in decline.

The abbey's rural income was paid partly in cash and partly in kind. Appendix D gives a summary of both kinds of receipt, the expenses immediately arising in connection with them and the clear yearly value of the non-Bristol property after such charges had been deducted. The favourable balance for 1491-92 was £595 3s. 10½d. and that for 1511-12, £577 13s. 2¼d. These sums may be compared with Poulet's totals for 1539-40, and those given in the Valors of 1542, the details of which appear in Appendix E. Here as with the abbey's Bristol Revenues the results are creditable to Abbot Newland's business ability, and we are impressed with the smallness of the change occasioned by the Dissolution. The Receiver's Accounts and Bishopric and Cathedral Endowments show that in many places the same officials were employed both before and after the fall of the Abbey, the same *firmarii* were in possession and the same rents and dues were paid. Seen in this light the Dissolution may appear not, as it usually seems, as a cataclysmic revolution, but as the logical conclusion of processes already begun.

#### 4. PROFITS FROM TRADE.

Although the totals paid by *firmarii* and the officials of manors and rectories probably included many payments received for

agricultural produce, the abbey Accounts give only two examples of efforts made by the abbot and convent themselves to grow rich by trade.

One was the transaction in malt which brought in nearly the whole of the Cellarer's cash income. By the time of our Rolls, the conventual ale was bought ready made in Bristol, but the abbey still received large consignments of barley from its manors and rectories [275 qu. 6 bu. in 1491-92; 227 qu. 26 bu. in 1511-12],<sup>1</sup> and to this the Cellarer added further stocks acquired by purchase [150 qu. 2½ bu., costing £28 19s. 5½d., in 1492, and 132 qu. 4 bu., costing £26 10s. od., in 1512].<sup>2</sup> The whole of this barley was then malted and the resulting malt was sold for £96 15s. od. in one year and for £90 13s. od. in the other.<sup>3</sup> If cost of carriage and the maltster's wages are left out of the reckoning it will be seen that the Cellarer's profits were £64 9s. 6½d. in the earlier and £64 13s. od. in the later year.

The second example is the sale of the *secundus pastus* or poorer bread to the Bristol baker who made the conventual loaves.<sup>4</sup> This transaction brought in so small a sum, £1 6s. 8d., that it is obvious that the price charged was only nominal. The baker evidently got the second baking of bread very cheap in return for his services to the Convent.

It is a little surprising to find no other examples of monastic trading in a monastery situated close to a large commercial centre like Bristol, the headquarters of the western wool and woollen-cloth trade. According to the Accounts Saint Augustine's deliberately neglected or shelved its opportunities. The tannery within the Sanctuary was allowed to be used as a woodshed;<sup>5</sup> its quarries at Dundry, its Rope Walk and its Trivel Mills were all *ad firmam*. So, it seems, were its sheep pastures.<sup>6</sup> Compared with the trading profits of some houses, notably wool-producing Cistercian abbeys such as Fountains and Rievaulx,<sup>7</sup> receipts of this type in our Accounts are small. Savine, however, shows that the monasteries in general were slow to take up trading.<sup>8</sup> Lay

<sup>1</sup> iii d., 25 . . . ; III d., 13 . .

<sup>2</sup> iii. 25 . . ; III. 22.

<sup>3</sup> iii. 5 . . ; III. 5.

<sup>4</sup> iii. 9; III. 8.

<sup>5</sup> xij. 78 . . ; XII d., 9 . .

<sup>6</sup> But cf. notes on abbot's income, Appendix B.

<sup>7</sup> Snape, *op. cit.*, 92-93.

<sup>8</sup> Savine, *op. cit.*, 122 *et seq.*

neighbours probably discouraged commercial activity on the part of the monks, and in Bristol itself we have seen the unpopularity of the abbey's use of Trivel Mills.<sup>1</sup> Saint Augustine's abstention from further trading ventures may have been due to tact rather than lack of enterprise. By farming out its assets the abbey drew good profits and spared itself much trouble and unpopularity.

#### THE MONASTIC INCOME—CONCLUSIONS.

Saint Augustine's income from all sources in 1491-92 and 1511-12 may be summed up as follows:—

	1491-92			1511-12		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Oblations and fees paid directly to the abbey .. .. .	1	2	6½	1	9	10½
2. Revenues arising in the city and suburbs of Bristol .. ..	105	18	7½	82	19	5½
3. Revenues arising outside Bristol	595	3	10½	577	13	2½
4. Profits from Trade .. ..	65	16	2½	65	19	8
	<hr/> £768 1 3			<hr/> £728 2 2½		

In the Certificate of Surrender of 1539 "the Clere yerely value of all the Possessions belonging to the seid late Monastery. . . . As well Spirituall' as temperall' over and besides lxx.li iij.s iiij.d in Fees and Annuytes granted to divers persons by letters patente for terme of liff" was £692 2s. 7d. If the fees and annuities are included, the Clear Yearly Value of abbey property at the Dissolution was £762 5s. 11d. Poulet raised a clear £675 8s. 10½d. from its estates and churches in 1539-40 and £705 8s. 9½d. in 1540-41. The Bishopric and Cathedral Valors estimate the abbey property included in their endowments at £600 9s. 4½d., a total which does not include £151 6s. 8d. set aside in pensions to the ex-Canons, nor a further sum in fees and annuities, nor Almondsbury Manor, Baggeridge, and certain other properties sold to individuals after 1539. These figures show the same steadiness of income received over a long period that has already been noted in the landed and rectorial revenues alone for the same time. The abbey comes therefore about half-way up the scale of

<sup>1</sup> Introduction, p. 6.



houses<sup>1</sup> whose yearly income was between £500 and £1,000. In Gloucestershire, Saint Peter's, Gloucester, and Tewkesbury both enjoyed revenues of over £1,000: Cirencester and Winchcombe were worth between £700 and £1,000. Apart from these, Saint Augustine's, Bristol, was the wealthiest of the Gloucestershire houses. In Somerset its clear yearly value was exceeded by Glastonbury alone.

The significance of these figures of income is, however, small until they are compared with the corresponding expenditure. For the use which this monastery made of its wealth we must turn to the expenditure side of its Accounts. There alone can facts be found by which we can test the charges of waste and extravagance which have been brought against the monks.

#### SECTION FIVE. MONASTIC EXPENDITURE.

By showing how the Canons spent their money the expenditure side of the Accounts is an index to their interests and activities. The great variety of items upon it emphasises the complexity of monastic finance and the completeness of our two Rolls makes it possible to work out, more exactly than ever before, how much of its wealth a particular House was actually spending on its own support and how much it was devoting to "good works." The line between sufficiency and plenty, or between necessities and luxuries, can never be drawn precisely and, even if it could, it would never have been the same to Abbot Newland's contemporaries and to ourselves. But the Accounts give a good idea how far the Bristol Black Canons were giving material expression to the spiritual ideals of their Order. So much of the available evidence on this subject comes from the critics or even the enemies of the monasteries that it is only fair to let the religious houses speak for themselves when and where they can.

The expenditure of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, falls into five classes:—

1. The Lord Abbot's yearly allowance.
2. Business Expenses, arising out of the Convent's official contacts with outsiders.
3. Housekeeping expenses—their purely domestic outlay.

<sup>1</sup> *v.* Savine's classification of monasteries according to their income, *op. cit.*, pp. 114 *et seq.*

4. Expenses incurred in the performance of spiritual duties, and
5. The Convent's personal share.

Such classifications always necessitate some rather arbitrary decisions, but we believe that the gain in clarity outweighs the possible inaccuracy of detail. We have tabulated all the items of expenditure under each of these headings. Many are self evident or have been dealt with elsewhere. It would be superfluous to discuss them at length here. We have contented ourselves, therefore, with picking out the more interesting subjects and details apparently peculiar to this House and with drawing what seem to us the justifiable conclusions as to both its financial position and its moral character.

#### I. THE LORD ABBOT'S YEARLY ALLOWANCE.

This was fixed at £160,<sup>1</sup> payable in equal quarterly instalments of £40, by the Treasurer of the Common Fund. It covered most of his personal business and household expenses though the convent made further contributions towards his table,<sup>2</sup> his entertainment of guests,<sup>3</sup> his clothing,<sup>4</sup> his almsgiving<sup>5</sup> and his travels on abbey affairs.<sup>6</sup> As none of the Private Accounts of the Abbot have come down to us we cannot tell precisely what other resources he had beyond his yearly allowance from the Convent,<sup>7</sup> nor can we speak positively of how he expended his income. Though contrary to the spirit of the Augustinian Rule, it was not unusual by the fifteenth century for abbots to keep great state and to live and feed separately from and often more sumptuously than their convents. "In honour before you let him be preferred before you; in fear before God let him be set beneath your feet," reads the Rule;<sup>8</sup> but it recognises the

<sup>1</sup> xiii d., 44 . . . ; XIII d., 19 . . .

<sup>2</sup> v. Table of Housekeeping Expenses.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. Wheat for his hospice: (v. iii d., 18-20; III d., 5 . . ).

<sup>4</sup> i.e. £1 6s. 8d. for his habit (x d., 30 . . . ; X d., 29 . . ) and gloves (x d., 26 ; X d., 26 . . ).

<sup>5</sup> e.g. Maundy Money (xiii. 22, 23; XIII. 52 . . ).

<sup>6</sup> e.g. Journey to London for the Convocation, 1512 (XIII. 60 . . ).

<sup>7</sup> v. Appendix B.

<sup>8</sup> v. Clark, J. W., *Observances of Barnwell*, pp. liij sqq, where is printed a fifteenth century version of the Rule: the passages quoted appear in Chapter VII of the Rule of which the original is in the British Museum (Harl. MSS. 2939).

temptations which come with power, "the loftier his station, the greater his danger." The *annua* paid to their Head by the Bristol brethren was one of their heaviest expenses, far outweighing the whole of their local revenue. The good reputation of John Newland suggests that in his hands the money was wisely spent. Otherwise the financial position of the monastery might well have suffered from the strain of providing him with so large a regular income.

## 2. THE BUSINESS EXPENSES.

The business expenses of any large monastery were usually thrust upon it by force of circumstances. An index to its wealth and consequence rather than to its morals, they represent the price which the house had to pay for its position in the world and for its contacts with neighbours and local authorities, with ecclesiastical superiors and with the central government. Though the early founders of the western Orders had probably not foreseen such heavy charges on the common purse, liabilities could not be escaped by the monasteries once they had become landowners on a large scale.

A glance at the Table at p. 53 will show that Saint Augustine's official expenses within the abbey were almost negligible. The larger items there were the *consuetudines*, or customary grants, made to the most hard-worked of the obedientiaries, who most likely used them to pay assistants. We see no reason to conclude that the officers concerned pocketed the money or to regard it as a perquisite.

Ecclesiastical business proved much more costly in the later year, when the expeditions of Abbot Newland and Prior Robert Elyot to London to attend the Convocation of February, 1512, cost the abbey over £20,<sup>1</sup> rather more than £500 in our money. The sums concerned covered travelling expenses, board and lodging, and perhaps the gifts which fashion required them to make to important personages whom they might meet during their stay in the capital. Both Abbot and Prior travelled with a train of servants, chaplains and attorneys. Their absence from their abbey may have been a long one. When all these considerations are borne in mind the costliness of the expedition seems more reasonable, especially if the Londoners treated a meeting

<sup>1</sup> v. XIII. 60.

of Convocation as an opportunity of raising their prices. The huge cost of the Abbot's and Prior's trip was probably normal at the time. They were conforming with the accepted standards of contemporary prelates and no personal blame should attach to them if they did. It should be recognised, however, that it was just such contemporary standards that John Colet denounced at this very meeting of Convocation,<sup>1</sup> and that exposed the upper clergy to censure from the less materially-minded clerics and laymen of their age.

Compared with this last item the payments made to the Holy See are extremely small.<sup>2</sup> Continental houses had to make much larger contributions to Rome, and even in England heavy exactions had often been suffered. The 7s. paid to the Pope's Collector in both years of our Accounts looks like a regular payment, but no details of its origin or character appear. There may have been some connection between this charge and the 6s. 8d. received by the Anniversarer as Peter's Pence from Almondsbury, Ashleworth, Horfield and Cromhall.<sup>3</sup> But there is no mention of the Anniversarer passing it on to the Treasurer and current practice with regard to Peter's Pence varied so much as to be no guide to us here. The probability is that the 7s. paid out of the Common Fund was a traditional composition for various petty dues once paid in detail to the Pope's agents, but now absorbed in the abbey's own regular income.

One fruitful occasion of expense to the religious houses was escaped by Saint Augustine's in both years of our Accounts. This was an Episcopal Visitation. Snape points out<sup>4</sup> the exorbitance of some of the charges then made in spite of repeated efforts to hold them in check. The 1511-12 Roll records several payments to officials of the see of Worcester<sup>5</sup> which may have been the relics of a recent Visitation.

All the remaining payments in this category may be described as secular. The largest were the Tenths and Benevolence paid to Henry VII in 1491-92.<sup>6</sup> Though taxation is not, properly speaking, a business expense, it stands for the abbey's professional and corporate contacts with the central government, as a tax-

<sup>1</sup> J. H. Lupton, *Life of John Colet* (1887), pp. 293-304.

<sup>2</sup> xii d., 19 ; XII d., 49 . .

<sup>3</sup> i. 32 . . . ; I. 26 . .

<sup>4</sup> R. H. Snape, *English Monastic Finances* (1926), pp. 96-104.

<sup>5</sup> XIII d., 7 . .

<sup>6</sup> xiii. 31-39.

payer. The figures for 1491-92 are eloquent of the heaviness of the burden sometimes involved and of the extortionate methods of the first Tudor king. To pay the Benevolence, in a year when taxes were already high, the Abbey's resources were severely strained, but Newland's resourcefulness was equal to the task and he commandeered £13 15s. 0½d. from the Collector of Grace Money's Account to ease the burden on the Common Fund.<sup>1</sup> It is to be hoped that such crises were rare. By 1511-12 the position had evidently improved;<sup>2</sup> even Henry VIII was not at first an extortionate ruler.

The heavy legal expenses in the earlier Account<sup>3</sup> were due to the quarrel already mentioned<sup>4</sup> which raged between abbey and City from 1491 to 1496, about rights of sanctuary, the jurisdiction of Billeswick, the milling of corn at abbey mills and other points. If this lawsuit cost Saint Augustine's the best part of £40 os. 10d. in one year its cost must have been enormous at the end of five. Fortunately such expensive litigation was exceptional. The normal state of affairs is much better represented by the comparatively small legal expenses of 1511-12.<sup>5</sup>

In his *English Monks and the Suppression of the Monasteries*,<sup>6</sup> Mr. Geoffrey Baskerville has shown what a large part laymen played in the affairs of many religious houses. The cost of propitiating potential allies and benefactors was small compared with some other expenses, but such expenditure was evidently felt to be necessary. The picture conjured up by the entries concerned is not edifying, but the monasteries alone were not to blame for a lamentable necessity forced upon them by lay opinion. The *amicitia* of fifteenth-century laymen seems to have been not a pious offering but a marketable commodity, the withdrawal of which might have done a house serious harm. By gifts<sup>7</sup> and by letters of fraternity,<sup>8</sup> which entitled the recipient to a full share of the prayers of the brethren both in life and in death, Saint Augustine's, like many contemporary houses, hoped to secure the favour of men who could be useful to it.

<sup>1</sup> iv d., 68-70.

<sup>2</sup> XIII d., 10 . .

<sup>3</sup> xii d., 66 . . .

<sup>4</sup> v. Introduction, p. 6.

<sup>5</sup> XIII. 36 . . .

<sup>6</sup> v. Chapters II and III.

<sup>7</sup> e.g. xii d., 32 . . ; XIII. 1 . . .

<sup>8</sup> ix d., 37 . . .

The part payment of a loan of £133 13s. 1½d. in 1491-92<sup>1</sup> suggests that the general financial position of the abbey was improving in spite of that year's heavy expenses. Unfortunately the entry recording this *resolucio debiti* is so much torn that all details of the date, terms and purpose of the loan are lost. The fact remains that at some time before 1491-92 the Treasurer had been in sufficient need of ready money to borrow a sum equal to over one-sixth of the whole Abbey income in that year, and that in 1491-92 he was able to pay back £22 of it in face of heavy taxes and a costly lawsuit. Twenty years later we find no trace of this or any other loan.<sup>2</sup> No settlement of debt was then made although the year's satisfactory balance would have made repayment easy. The implication is that Abbot Newland had entirely cleared his house of debt by the end of his reign. In a period when comparatively few monasteries succeeded in making both ends meet this was no mean achievement.<sup>3</sup>

The evidence of our Rolls on corrodies<sup>4</sup> bears out the impression that Newland garnered the resources of his monastery successfully without recourse to some of the more dubious expedients resorted to by many less fortunate houses. A corrody was "an agreement entered into by the monastery for one cause or another to provide a person with food, clothing, money and usually lodging." Sometimes founders forced a house to undertake these responsibilities. Sometimes they were forced upon it by the King. Sometimes they were sold as a means of procuring ready money. Whatever their origin "corrodies" were apt to become a serious drain on monastic resources. But in spite of this drawback they were very general. The Accounts make mention of one corrody only at Saint Augustine's, Bristol, and that we know had been granted at the demand of the Crown.<sup>5</sup> No other appears in our Rolls. It is possible that the Christmas presents of cloth made by the Treasurer<sup>6</sup> and various other payments are really connected with corrodies or that the abbot's private account was burdened with corrody obligations, but these suggestions cannot be proved. As far as we can tell from the

<sup>1</sup> xii d., 5 . . .

<sup>2</sup> XII d., 37 . . .

<sup>3</sup> v. Savine, A., *op. cit.*, pp. 210-217; Snape, R. H., *op. cit.*, Ch. V.; Coulton, *op. cit.*, CC. XXVIII and XXXIII.

<sup>4</sup> v. Snape, *op. cit.*, Ch. V; Thompson: Peterborough Visitations in *Vis. Rel. Houses Lincoln*.

<sup>5</sup> xii d., 27; XII d.

<sup>6</sup> xii d., 46; XII d.

Accounts, John Lloyd's corrody was the only one in existence in our abbey in the years concerned. If so the Bristol Canons were fortunate in being spared the crowd of hangers-on who became a nuisance to many contemporary houses. It would be interesting to know if their good fortune was the result of deliberate policy on the part of their abbot. By 1539 such policy—if it had ever existed—had been abandoned: Poulet records a long list of corrodians and annuitants dependent on the ex-abbey at the time of its fall.<sup>1</sup>

## BUSINESS EXPENSES.

Obedientiarer concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	I. OFFICE EXPENSES WITHIN THE ABBEY.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Anniversarer	Accountant's <i>consuetudo pro calciatura sua</i> ...	10 0	10 0
Coll. Bristol	„ <i>consuetudo pro calciatura sua</i> ...	10 0	10 0
Rent			
Chamberlain	„ allowance <i>pro necessariis causa officii sui</i> .. .. .	1 0 0	1 0 0
Cellerar	„ <i>consuetudo . . . pro suis necessariis causa officii sui</i>	1 0 0	1 0 0
Treasurer	„ <i>consuetudo pro necessariis officii sui</i> .. .. .	2 0 0	2 0 0
All depts.	Parchment for the Accounts .. .. .	6 6	6 6
Precentor	Writing materials and other office expenses	6 2	4 5
Cellerar	Reward to John Symonds for diligence in this dept. .. .. .	13 4	—
		£6 6 0	£5 10 11
	II. OFFICIAL ECCLESIASTICAL EXPENSES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	To the Pope's Collector for his procurations	7 0	7 0
„	To the Registrar of our procurations ..	—	1 8
„	To the Bishop of Worcester's Chancellor..	—	3 4
„	Cost of taking young Canons to Wells for ordination as deacons .. .. .	—	8 6½
„	Expenses of the Abbot's expedition to London with his train for the Convocation .. ..	—	15 8 9
„	„ „ „ Prior's expedition to London with his train for the Convocation .. ..	—	5 14 2
		7 0	£22 3 5½

<sup>1</sup> v. Poulet B. Henry VIII, 31-32, ff. 32 d.-34. Though nearly all of the corrodies and annuities concerned were given under the Conventual Seal they belong to the last fifteen years of the abbey's existence, the majority dating after 1534. One [R. Cromwell, 15 Apr. 31 Henry VIII=1540] was post-Dissolution.

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	III. OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	To the Sheriffs and Escheators of Gloucestershire .. .. .	2 6 8	2 6 8
"	To the Sheriffs of Somerset .. .. .	1 6 8	1 6 8
		£3 13 4	£3 13 4
	IV. GIFTS TO POTENTIAL PATRONS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	To <i>Magister Officialis archidiaconatus Glouc' pro sua amicitia</i> .. .. .	—	6 8
"	To the King's auditor at Berkeley <i>pro amicitia sua</i> .. .. .	6 8	—
"	Gifts to magnates and others seeking audience with the Abbot <i>pro amicitia sua</i> and to King's Minstrels, messengers and bailiffs .. .. .	2 15 9	9 5 7½
Precentor	Charge for writing Letters of Fraternity to 3 persons and of silk for the seals .. ..	6 0	—
		£3 8 5	£9 12 3½
	V. LEGAL EXPENSES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	Seneschal's wage .. .. .	1 6 8	1 6 8
Chamberlain	Sub-seneschal's wage .. .. .	1 6 8	1 6 8
Treasurer	Attorney's fees .. .. .	7 16 8	9 0 0
"	Auditor's fees, expenses and rewards for diligence .. .. .	4 10 0	4 6 8
"	Cost of Law Suits at Common Law .. ..	40 0 10	1 6 7
		£55 0 10	£17 6 7
	VI. TAXATION.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	Tenths .. .. .	46 2 5	24 10 6½
"	Benevolence .. .. .	66 13 4	—
"	Loss of Tenths in 1510-11 (some of those for whose collection Newland had been responsible ?) .. .. .	—	8 9 9
		£112 15 9	£33 0 3½
	VII. MISCELLANEOUS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	Repayment of part of a loan of £133 13s. 1½d.	22 0 0	—
"	Payment to Corrodians .. .. .	4 1 8	4 1 8
"	Gifts of cloth at Christmas to persons other than the Abbot's private household .. ..	10 0 0	12 0 0
		£36 1 8	£16 1 8



Obedientary concerned.	SUMMARY—	1491-92.	1511-12.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	I. OFFICE EXPENSES WITHIN THE ABBEY .. .. .	6 6 0	5 10 11
	II. OFFICIAL ECCLESIASTICAL EXPENSES	7 0	22 3 5½
	III. OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	3 13 4	3 13 4
	IV. GIFTS TO POTENTIAL PATRONS .. ..	3 8 5	9 12 3½
	V. LEGAL EXPENSES .. .. .	55 0 10	17 6 7
	VI. TAXATION .. .. .	112 15 9	33 0 3¼
	VII. MISCELLANEOUS .. .. .	36 1 8	16 1 8
		£217 13 0	£107 8 7

The abbey's expenditure on business and official matters amounted to £217 13s. od. in 1492, and to £107 8s. 7d. in 1512, roughly one-third and one-eighth respectively of its current income. None of these expenses could have been avoided altogether, though some, and notably the cost of the visits to London in 1512, might have been reduced. On the whole we get the impression that expenditure in this class was reasonable. The high figure for the earlier year was due to the unfortunate coincidence of the Benevolence and the Lawsuit and was presumably exceptional. Saint Augustine's was a house important enough to have a great many official contacts. If the business expenses for 1511-12 were average we may conclude that abbot and convent did not pay too high a price for their worldly position.

### 3. HOUSEKEEPING EXPENSES.

Although the Accounts give innumerable details of monastic housekeeping it is not easy to obtain exact totals of the expenditure under this head. Many of the foodstuffs consumed in the abbey were provided by its estates<sup>1</sup> and cannot be valued exactly. We are assuming that the market price of the grain supplied in this way was the same as that of the purchased stocks, but the resulting figures are necessarily arbitrary. Again, the food given in alms and to guests cannot be exactly distinguished from the Canons' regular diet. A final difficulty is that certain extra meals and pittance which had been given in kind were now abandoned, their cash equivalent being allowed to the brethren instead. But

<sup>1</sup> *v.* Table, Appendix C.

this change is not always stated and cannot be taken for granted. Probably several of the items included in this class of expense should really belong to another. These uncertainties are unfortunate but inevitable and, in spite of them, the attempt to isolate and assess the Abbey's housekeeping expenditure seems well worth while.

The cost of feeding the convent is the largest item in this group. The Accounts do not describe the abbey meals, but these probably consisted of the *Prandium*, or dinner, at midday, and the *Coena*, or supper, in the evening.<sup>1</sup> Neither of these is mentioned by name in our Rolls. These do refer, however, to a *jantaculum* for which the Cellarer provided twelve loaves and six gallons of ale each week.<sup>2</sup> A *jantaculum* is a breakfast. At Saint Augustine's it must have been either another term for the *prandium* or else some "snack" taken earlier in the day. Though there is no reference to such a meal in the *observantie regulares* or modified Augustinian rule of Saint Victor's, Paris,<sup>3</sup> one cannot help sympathising with the early-rising Canons if they felt the need of some refreshment an hour or so before their first "sit down" meal. Here possibly is a relaxation of the rule which promoted health and efficiency and was therefore justifiable.

The regular rations of the ordinary priest-canon were provided by the Kitchen and Cellarer. Every week he had "victuals" worth 2s.,<sup>4</sup> ten and a half loaves called *Miches*<sup>5</sup> and ten gallons (*lagene*) of "good ale,"<sup>6</sup> his allowance costing the Abbey about 3s. 6½d., between £3 and £4 in modern money. The Prior and Sub-prior each received an extra half-loaf a week and also a further two gallons of ale. Every Novice and *Conversus* was entitled to 1s. 2d. worth of "victuals,"<sup>4</sup> seven loaves<sup>5</sup> and six gallons of ale,<sup>6</sup> the cost of his weekly rations averaging about 2s. 1½d., say £2 to £3 to-day.

If these figures really represent consumption per head they suggest no frugal diet but very good living. The Bristol Canons lived on fare as rich as that of their well-to-do contemporaries, and far more varied and plentiful than that of their poorer

<sup>1</sup> v. Clark, J. W., *Observances of Barnwell*, Introduction; also Cranage, D. H. S., *Home of the Monk*, ch. iii.

<sup>2</sup> v. iii d., 66, 84.; III d., 62., 81. At Barnwell (chap. 155) two jugs of ale, one old and the other new, were served to the Convent and its guests daily after dinner.

<sup>3</sup> v. Clark, J. W., *op. cit.* He relies on Martene *De Antiquis Ecclesie Ritibus*, vol. iii, pp. 253-291.

<sup>4</sup> v. iv. 9; IV. 8.

<sup>5</sup> iii d., 58; III d., 53.

neighbours. Their "victuals" consisted of beef, veal, mutton, pork, salt fish, fresh fish, eggs and other viands<sup>1</sup> bought for them by the Kitchener and prepared in the abbey kitchen. They ate them well seasoned with salt and mustard<sup>2</sup> and garnished no doubt with herbs and vegetables from the abbey gardens. Their *Miches* were *de optimo pastu*, of the finest quality of wheatmeal, ground from wheat supplied by the Cellerar, and made into half-quartern loaves by their Bristol baker.<sup>3</sup> In an age when rye bread was the stand-by of all but the wealthy the conventual white bread must have been a luxury.<sup>4</sup> Their ale, bought in Bristol, was of the same good quality.

The ordinary fare was supplemented in several ways. On feast days, *ex laudabili consuetudine vsitata* red wine was served out to the brethren:<sup>5</sup> the long services on such occasions may well have made such a stimulant most necessary. Other red-letter days were signalled by further potations. Sometimes whole meals seem to have been provided: such were the *jantaculum* taken by abbot and convent in the Almonry<sup>6</sup> and their *convivium* in the Infirmary on the Monday after the Assumption.<sup>7</sup> The Accounts give no details of the origin of these additional repasts or of the fare provided. Even if such supplementary eatings and drinkings should be regarded as a sign of self-indulgence they certainly do not reflect badly on the character of the House for they were very few and far between. It seems, however, that they may have been losing favour. In days when the regular diet of the convent was evidently plentiful and varied, pittances and supplementary meals cannot have had their old appeal. Our Accounts show that they were sometimes replaced by cash payments. The Canons received money for spices, *generalialia* or cash allowances for their sometime Monday pittances<sup>8</sup> and money instead of the *jantaculum* once provided by the Sacrist at their annual summer outing.<sup>9</sup> We shall return to these cash receipts

<sup>1</sup> iii d., 79 . . . ; III d., 74 . . .

<sup>2</sup> iv. 42-47 ; IV. 40-44.

<sup>3</sup> iii d., 52 . . . ; III d., 47 . . . Du Cange quotes evidence of the fineness and whiteness of *Miches* bread.

<sup>4</sup> On this subject *v. Savine, op. cit.*, pp. 198 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> v. 76 ; V d., 10.

<sup>6</sup> *tempore laboris sui* ; vii d., 26 ; VII d., 19.

<sup>7</sup> viii d., 18 ; VIII d., 18.

<sup>8</sup> iv d., 48 ; IV d., 46. For *generalialia v. Glossary.*

<sup>9</sup> xi. 53 ; XI. 68 . .

by the convent in a later sub-section.<sup>1</sup> Their importance for the moment is as a sign of the sufficiency and variety of the regular meals in the monastery. If they were spent on food and drink they illustrate the ease with which even a good diet might be supplemented: if they were used by the recipients for other purposes they show that the ordinary fare must have been satisfactory in itself. In either case they strengthen the impression of good living already given by the Cellarer's and Kitchener's Accounts.

It must be remembered, however, that the rations accorded to each of the brethren may not have been intended for his own consumption alone. There were several other calls on the conventual larder. Custom required that ecclesiastical guests should feed in the Frater and upon the same fare as was served to the convent. Large reserves were therefore necessary even over and above the spare loaves supplied to the Refectorar<sup>1</sup> and the President<sup>2</sup> or Canon who took the head of the Table. Moreover, all broken meats were passed on to the Almoner to be distributed to the poor and to other possible dependants.<sup>3</sup> Such "doles" are not recorded in the Accounts, but they most certainly existed.<sup>4</sup> Finally, the common larder must have supplied the Infirmary as well as the Frater and the Almonry, for no separate provision for the sick or ailing was made. When all these considerations are borne in mind it will be seen that the amount of food allowed to each Canon was only a basis of assessment and that the quantity supplied to him was not at all excessive.

The next item of expense in this category was the cost of clothing the abbot and convent. At the Augustinian Priory of Barnwell in Cambridgeshire<sup>5</sup> each Canon received two sets of clothes each year, at Michaelmas a new woollen tunic or else a cassock of lambskin, one pair of felt boots, two pairs of woollen shoes, a pair of woollen gaiters and a black lambskin with which to mend the fur of his cope, and at Easter a surplice, a shirt, three pairs of linen breeches, one pair of light leather hose, a pair of leather shoes, a pair of serge or canvas gaiters and a cope of frieze untrimmed with fur. Unfortunately the only clothing described in any detail in our Accounts is that of the Lady Chapel

<sup>1</sup> *v.* Introduction, p. 74 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> *iii d.*, 65 . . . , 67 . . . ; *III d.*, 61 . . . , 63 . . .

<sup>3</sup> *The Observances of Barnwell*, ed. J. W. Clark, ch. xxxi, p. 155.

<sup>4</sup> *v.* Introduction, p. 70, note 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Op. cit.*, ch. xiv.

boys.<sup>1</sup> The Vestiary no longer gave out any garments except gloves.<sup>2</sup> For the rest, he paid each member of the House, from Lord Abbot downward, a cash allowance for his habit.<sup>3</sup> This practice, already common by the fifteenth century, has been strongly condemned by some writers.<sup>4</sup> It certainly suggests a growing tolerance of private property among the brethren, but was probably no more than a more businesslike arrangement harmful in one respect only, that it may have reduced the number of garments available for the poor. From the fact that the abbey kept its own tailor it seems that the Canons bought the materials needed for their habit and had them made up within the precincts. There is no certainty that their discarded garments were not given away.

The only other housekeeping expenses which call for comment are the wages paid to the abbey servants.<sup>5</sup> These included cooks, kitchen boys, pages and specialists like the maltster, laundress, tailor and barber, but not the servants of the Lord Abbot's hospice, who were paid for by him out of his annual allowance. The number employed by the convent was much the same as that found in a great many other houses some thirty years later:<sup>6</sup> it was certainly not excessive. It is likely indeed that the Canons still performed some light domestic duties for themselves,<sup>7</sup> although our ignorance of the standards of cleanliness observed in a monastery makes every guess at their nature hazardous in the extreme. Here is a subject on which the records of contemporary visitations might help us. The Accounts do no more than state the cost of the servants actually employed. The very existence of servants in a monastery is sometimes regarded as a sign of regrettable self-indulgence, but the Rules of Saint Benedict and Saint Augustine are themselves vague on this point. The employment of servants was a relaxation sanctioned by fifteenth-century opinion, and it cannot have been harmful where the numbers were kept within bounds and the general reputation of the house was good. At Saint Augustine's and other houses

<sup>1</sup> vii. 66 . . ; VII. 58 . .

<sup>2</sup> X d., 25 . . ; X d., 26 . . .

<sup>3</sup> x d., 29 ; X d., 30 . .

<sup>4</sup> e.g. Coulton, G. G., *op. cit.*, pp. 375 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> Their wages were paid for the most part by the Collector of Bristol Rent, v d., 38 . . ; V d., 48 . .

<sup>6</sup> v. Savine, *op. cit.*, pp. 223 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> As at thirteenth-century Barnwell, for example.

where these conditions were apparently fulfilled it may even have had a good effect in giving the convent more time for their religious duties.

## HOUSEKEEPING EXPENSES.

Obedientary concerned.	I. REGULAR FEEDING EXPENSES OF THE CONVENT.	1491-92.	1511-12.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cellerar	Conventual Ale, bought in Bristol at 1s. a doz. galls; 587 doz. 1491-92; 541 doz. 1511-12.. . . . .	29 7 0	27 1 0
"	Ditto for Convent <i>jantacula</i> at rate of 4 galls. a week .. . . . .	17 4	17 4
"	Miches [14+ to the bushel] 1491-2, 7,521 at 10d. a bushel; 1511-12, 6,714 at 1s. a bushel .. . . . .	22 7 9	23 19 6
"	Ditto for Convent <i>jantacula</i> at rate of 12 loaves a week .. . . . .	1 17 1	2 4 6
"	Ditto for President of the Frater; 312 loaves a year .. . . . .	18 7	1 1 3
"	Ditto for Refectorar; 312 loaves a year .. . . . .	18 7	1 1 3
Kitchener	Victuals for the Convent [meat, fish, eggs, etc.] .. . . . .	62 19 6	57 2 4
"	Mustard .. . . . .	5 8	12 0
"	White Salt .. . . . .	2 6	11 8
"	Coarse Salt .. . . . .	2 6	8 0
"	Oatmeal .. . . . .	6 0	1 0 0
		£120 2 6	£115 18 10
	II. COST OF SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD AND DRINK TAKEN IN KIND.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Collector of Bristol Rent	Red Wine for Abbot and Convent on feast days .. . . . .	4 10 10	4 1 4
	Potations for celebrants of Mass on Michaelmas day .. . . . .	1 0	1 0
	Cost of drawing wine to the brewhouse where it was stored .. . . . .	3 2	—
Sacrist	Potations of Convent on feasts of Saint Clement, Inv. Holy Cross, Christmas and Saint John Baptist .. . . . .	4 8	4 8
Almoner	Certain <i>jantaculum</i> during Accountant's term of office .. . . . .	6 8	6 8
"	Wine for Abbot and Convent on Saint James' day .. . . . .	8 0	8 0
Alm: and Sacrist	Refreshments at Os of these Canons [Almoner's 10s.; Sacrist's 4s.] .. . .	14 0	14 0
Infirmarer and Cellerar	<i>Convivium</i> or <i>jantaculum</i> of Abbot and Convent in Infirmary on Monday after Assumption .. . . . .	14 2	14 4
		£7 2 6	£6 10 0

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	III. CASH ALLOWANCES GIVEN IN PLACE OF FOOD AND PERHAPS SPENT OTHERWISE.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Collector of Grace Money	Payment of <i>generalia</i> in place of former Monday pittances: 6d. each time for Abbot, 3d. each time for each priest-canon: Mondays in Lent excepted... ..	4 12 6	4 17 0
Sacrist	Payment to Abbot and Convent in place of a <i>jantaculum</i> once provided by the Sacrist in summer in <i>communibus ludis</i> ... ..	6 8	6 8
Various	Spice money .. .. .	9 4	9 4
		£5 8 6	£5 13 0
	IV. CLOTHING FOR ABBOT AND CONVENT.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Vestiar	Allowance for Lord Abbot's habit .. ..	1 6 8	1 6 8
"	Ditto for Canons' habits [13s. 4d. to each man] .. .. .	10 13 4	7 6 8
	Ditto for Canons and novices present for part of the year only... ..	3 4	1 7 4
"	Gloves for Abbot and Convent .. ..	4 0	4 0
Treasurer	Habit, etc., for Wm. Wryngton admitted as a novice in 1511-12 + 6d. pd. by Almoner	—	1 18 10
		£12 7 4	£12 3 6
	V. FIREWOOD FOR DOMESTIC USE.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cellerar	Firewood (brought by boat fr. Leigh Woods at 13s. 4d. a boatload) .. .. .	1 6 8	1 6 8
Coll. Brist. Rent	Ditto (at same rate) 12 <sup>1</sup> loads for Kitchen and Guest House; 1 load for Abbot's chamber .. .. .	8 13 4	9 6 8
Infirmarer	Ditto (at 13s. 2d. a load) for Infirmary ..	13 2	13 2
		£10 13 2	£11 6 6
	VI. UPKEEP OF ABBEY BUILDINGS APART FROM THE CHURCH.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	Repairs to buildings [unspecified but presumably within the Abbey grounds]..	9 17 10	4 12 0½
Coll. Brist. Rent	Repairs to Abbey water pipe .. ..	—	3 3
Infirmarer	Repairs to door lock of latrine .. ..	4	—
	Key for door of Infirmary hall .. ..	2	—
		£9 18 4	£4 15 3½

<sup>1</sup> 13 in 1511-12.

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	VII. HOUSEHOLD STORES AND EQUIPMENT.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coll. Brist. Rent	Oil [1491-92, 8 galls. 1 potell. at 1s. 4d.; 1511-12, 8 galls. for dormitory lamps] .. ( <i>Sacrist buys further supplies for Chapter house and Frater: quantities unspecified.</i> )	10 0	10 8
"	Wax (? for candles) 5½ stone at 9d. ..	4 7	—
Cellerar	Candles (2 doz.) for use in Cellarium at night .. .. .	2 6	2 0
Coll. Brist. Rent Cellerar	Rushes (19 loads at 4d.) .. .. .	6 4	—
	Sieves, brooms, needles, thread, linen, etc., bought for use in Cellarium .. ..	15 2	9 1
Coll. Brist. Rent	Strainers, wooden platters, apron cloth, etc., bought by Collector of Bristol Rent ..	8 4½	8 3½
"	Repairs to a pot .. .. .	—	2
"	Cups for Lord Abbot's hospice .. .. .	2 4	2 8
Refectorar	Wooden bowls for the Canons .. .. .	5 0	5 0
"	Linen for tablecloths [1491-92] and repairs to tablecloths [1511-12] .. .. .	1 2½	1 8
Treasurer	Repairs to a Salt Cellar .. .. .	—	1 0
		£2 15 6	£2 0 6½
	VIII. STABLE EXPENSES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Chamberlain	His stable expenses, mainly in harness ..	2 3 9	3 2 10
Cellerar	Oats for Abbot's and Chamberlain's horses (none for Chamberlain's horses in 1511-12)	9 0	12 0
Treasurer	Straw for bedding: from context bedding for horses more likely than bedding for men .. .. .	17 6	16 0
		£3 10 3	£4 10 10
	IX. SERVANTS' WAGES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Chamberlain	Chamberlain's Valet (wages only) .. ..	1 6 8	1 6 8
"	" Page (wages 16s., board 26s.)	2 2 0	2 2 0
Cellerar	Maltster (wages £2, board £2 3s. 4d.) ..	4 3 4	4 3 4
"	Labourers hired to move grain within the monastery .. .. .	4 0	4 0
Kitchener and Coll. Brist. Rent	Convent Cook (allowance for victuals £2; wages 17s.; board 30s. in 1491-92, 23s. in 1511-12) .. .. .	4 7 0	4 0 0
Coll. Brist. Rent	Another Cook (called a Kitchen Boy in 1491-92) (wages 10s., board 30s.) .. ..	2 0 0	2 0 0
"	Another Kitchen Boy (wages 14s., board 26s. 8d.+5s. for clothing) .. .. .	2 4 8	2 4 8
"	Prior's servant .. .. .	1 0 0	—



Obedientary concerned		1491-92.	1511-12.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coll. Brist.	Porter or Gate keeper (wages 26s. 8d.;		
Rent.	board, 34s. 8d.) . . . . .	3 1 4	3 1 4
"	Bristol Rent Collector's servant or assistant	1 13 0	2 6 8
"	Laundress . . . . .	1 0 0	1 0 0
"	Barber . . . . .	1 0 0	1 0 0
Coll. Brist.	Tailor (wages 18s. 8d.+13s. 4d., 6s. 8d. for		
Rent and	thread) . . . . .	1 18 8	1 18 8
Vestiar			
Infirmarer	Infirmarer's Page . . . . .	5 0	5 0
Refectorar	Refectorar's Servant (wages nowhere men-		
	tioned; his gown 6s. 8d.) . . . .	6 8	6 8
"	Hedgers in Abbey gardens . . . . .	6 0	—
		£26 18 4	£25 19 0
	SUMMARY—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	I. REGULAR FEEDING EXPENSES OF		
	THE CONVENT . . . . .	120 2 6	115 18 10
	II. COST OF SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD AND		
	DRINK TAKEN IN KIND . . . .	7 2 6	6 10 0
	III. CASH ALLOWANCES GIVEN IN PLACE		
	OF FOOD AND DRINK AND PERHAPS		
	SPENT OTHERWISE . . . . .	5 8 6	5 13 0
	IV. CLOTHING FOR ABBOT AND CONVENT	12 7 4	12 3 6
	V. FIREWOOD FOR DOMESTIC USE . .	10 13 2	11 6 6
	VI. UPKEEP OF ABBEY BUILDINGS APART		
	FROM THE CHURCH . . . . .	9 18 4	4 15 3½
	VII. HOUSEHOLD STORES AND EQUIPMENT	2 15 6	2 0 6½
	VIII. STABLE EXPENSES . . . . .	3 10 3	4 10 10
	IX. SERVANTS' WAGES . . . . .	26 18 4	25 19 0
	Total . . . .	£198 16 5	£188 17 6

The abbey's housekeeping expenses seem to have amounted to £198 16s. 5d. in 1491-92 and £188 17s. 6d. in 1511-12. The standard of living that they indicate was not excessively high, but it was certainly comfortable. There is no evidence of asceticism on the one hand nor of gluttony and over-indulgence on the other. Such conclusions, however, must be stated guardedly, for, definite as is the information that they give, the Accounts

leave many points untouched. We have no Diet Sheets as at Winchester, nor outsiders' comments against which to weigh our facts and figures. As they stand our totals show that our abbey spent about one-third of its available funds on food, clothing, household equipment and servants. The significance of this fraction depends on the corresponding figures for the other classes of expenditure.

#### 4. SPIRITUAL DUTIES.

We consider ourselves fortunate that while this volume was in preparation Mr. Geoffrey Baskerville should have published his *English Monks and the Suppression of the Monasteries*, which was described by Professor J. E. Neale as sure "to become the standard work on the subject." It is beyond our province to criticise Mr. Baskerville's general conclusions, which cannot be seriously affected by the agreement or disagreement of one particular case; but it will be convenient to summarise our evidence in the light of his opening chapter on "Monastic Duties and Activities," to which we acknowledge our debt.

First, the three great duties: prayers, hospitality, alms. "There can be no doubt," says Mr. Baskerville, "that the prayers counted first with the ordinary layman." But his conclusion as to the performance of this duty in the monasteries is vague: "it is to be feared that the religious did not always fulfil all their obligations towards souls," is as far as he will go. Snape and Savine have nothing to say on this point. Prayers may be divided into two classes, the daily round of services which were for the benefit of all the faithful, and special prayers and masses for individuals or groups, *i.e.* chantries. To find out how the first class of duty was performed in a particular monastery is almost impossible; with regard to the second there is generally more evidence available, but it is still very difficult to be sure of the chantry obligations of a monastery, while even non-performance of the duty would not necessarily emerge in the records of an episcopal visitation, since the founder's kin were regarded as primarily responsible for the family chantry. We know that at Saint Augustine's there must have been a number of chantries, ranging from "saying a special collect in celebrating the daily mass of the B.V.M. in her chapel of the same abbey for the good estate of John Wyke, parson of Saint Stephen's, and John Balle, vicar of Saint Augustine's, and for their souls after

death," for which  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of meadow,  $51\frac{1}{2}$  acres of pasture, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of wood were handed over in 1397, to the full-sized chantry of Thomas III of Berkeley, founded in 1348 for the souls of his wife Margaret and himself, which was complete with a specially-built house inside the abbey gate for the chaplain who was to sing the masses. All these chantries perished along with the monasteries, instead of surviving like the parochial ones into the next reign, and the records of the Dissolution do not distinguish their revenues from the general income of the monasteries.<sup>1</sup>

Contemporary works of the type of Abbot Newland's Roll do tell us of the alms given and services sung at very important anniversaries such as those of Robert FitzHarding and his wife the Lady Eve, but of the ordinary working of the chantries they have nothing to say; we are left to glean what information we can from our Computus Rolls.

Examination of the Rolls reveals two considerable pieces of expenditure on chantry work. First, the Collector of Grace Money states that the proceeds of the manor of Gorewell had been taken from his office in 1479-80, and applied "to the use of a certain Canon celebrating in the church of the same monastery daily for the souls of all Founders of the said monastery for ever." We are not told the name of this Canon or any other details about his work; but it looks as though the Berkeley chantries had been rolled into one and the whole duty transferred from Thomas III's chaplain to a Canon,<sup>2</sup> who would no doubt be released from some of his normal duties to enable him to earn this stipend.

In the Sacrist's account two clerks "*ad serviend' in ecclesia ibidem per annum*" are given salaries of 20s. each, food and a gown; the Cellarer contributes 260 loaves at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per man per week. We are given no further information as to the functions of these secular priests except that they earn a shilling or two by helping to ring the bells at the three great feasts of Christmas, Easter, and the Purification; in view of the modest salary and allowances it seems reasonable to suppose that they did some sort of chantry work which left them free to earn small additional sums at odd times. There would be no place for such

<sup>1</sup> We have not seen this fact specifically pointed out in our authorities; the subject of monastic chantries requires investigation.

<sup>2</sup> The only priest-canon who does not appear as an obedientiar in 1491-92 is John Dynham; it may well be that he was the celebrant that year. As he was Infirmer in 1487-88 and Precentor in 1498 we must also assume that the Canons took this duty also by turns, whether regular or irregular we cannot tell.

clerks in the ordinary services of the monastic church,<sup>1</sup> nor is there any suggestion that they were specially connected with the Lady Chapel like the singing-boys ; they were almost certainly in minor orders only, and therefore could do little more than relieve the novices of some of the less attractive work about the church.

Doubtful though some of these suggestions may be it seems clear that the chantry work undertaken by the canons at various times in the past was now being performed in a different and perhaps abbreviated manner. We must not lightly assume that such an arrangement was unsatisfactory to the descendants of chantry-founders. We have seen that Thomas III of Berkeley in the year of the Black Death deliberately founded his chantry in the Abbey as the responsibility of a secular priest ; Thomas V would hardly have left to the abbey a legacy of 100 marks for the building of the high altar and other money for a priest to sing for ten years as late as 1533 had he felt that similar bequests by his ancestors were not being properly carried out. The dangers inherent in the original scheme for this Berkeley chantry appear in 1425, when Roger atte Herne, rector of Scherston in the diocese of Salisbury, obtained a continuance of his dispensation from Pope John XXIII, whereby he might hold Scherston, Terryng—in the diocese of Canterbury,—several other preferments, and “ a free chapel without cure within the precincts of the monastery of Saint Augustine, Bristol, wont to be assigned to secular clerks, value not exceeding 30 marks sterling of English money.”<sup>2</sup> The words of the dispensation speak for themselves : “ dispensation to hold any other incompatible benefice.” Whether or not Roger paid an efficient chaplain to do his Bristol work, this arrangement was not likely to be popular with the founder’s kin ; they may well have suggested the new arrangement themselves.

<sup>1</sup> H. Thompson in *Vis. Rel. Houses Lincoln*, I, p. 32, gives a case where a parochial altar in the nave of an Augustinian church was served by a secular chaplain, who was later replaced by one of the canons. It is often stated that regular canons could easily obtain permission to hold parochial cures, but instances in this country are rare (cf. *op. cit.*, 150) ; we have come across no such case in connection with Saint Augustine’s, though, of course, absence of evidence is no proof. As to whether there was a parochial altar, or any lay entry to the monastic nave, we are also ignorant ; but it seems reasonable to argue that the existence of Saint Augustine the Less, barely 100 yards from the abbey church, makes it improbable. We may add that at the time of our accounts the nave was probably in a poor state, as it is called “ the old church,” and is known not to have been rebuilt with the eastern part in the fourteenth century.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Papal Reg.*, VII. 387.

Prayer for the generality of the faithful was the everyday duty of the canon's life, and our accounts cannot be expected to give us much help in deciding whether that duty was well or ill performed. The tabulated expenses seem to show that the Sacrist took reasonable care of the church, while five thousand *panes* for masses works out at nearly fourteen for each day of the year, a very fair average when we remember that only the celebrant normally communicated, and that even on great festivals the abbey church did not perform the functions of a parish church. But it is rather the lack of complaint against the monasteries in respect of prayers than any positive evidence that can be produced which justifies us in criticising the unfriendly spirit behind Mr. Baskerville's vague conclusion. Often weak and inefficient, sometimes downright wicked, though they had been and continued to be, the monks were less subject to criticism from outside or rebuke from their superiors<sup>1</sup> in this matter of prayers than in any other. Prayers, for the living and for the dead, were vital to clerk and layman alike.

Our authorities are again rather vague with regard to hospitality. We are told by Snape<sup>2</sup> that "there is enough evidence to show that for the poor traveller little was being done in the end," but he does not tell us on what authority he bases this statement. Baskerville, after implying that monastic hospitality in the sixteenth century was, at least in the south, extended chiefly to the great from whom some return might be expected, concludes by saying: "There can be no doubt but that the disappearance of the monasteries was a cause of great inconvenience to many travellers rich and poor." The evidence from the accounts is again slight and difficult to interpret. The Hostillar has an actual income of only £2 8s. od., and he is liable to spend a great part of this on the upkeep of the *camera regia* in which the king lodged during his visits. For the feeding of the guests we have to refer to the Cellerar, who only presents us with another problem. He tells us two things: the consumption of oats by the horses of bailiffs and visitors during the year (which varies

<sup>1</sup> This is not to say that the "visitations" do not make frequent reference to the conduct of monastic worship, or to suggest that it was always carried out in the true spirit of devotion; individual monks are rebuked for laziness in attendance at services; in the earlier days of Saint Augustine's the canons were told not to "fly out of the choir like bees" at the end of a service. But one feels that a more or less reasonable standard of prayer was maintained as a rule, and that the duty was seldom, if ever, so thoroughly neglected as some other monastic duties.

<sup>2</sup> *op. cit.*, p. 112.

from 33 quarters in 1491-92 to a mere 10 quarters in 1511-12), and the amount of wheat allotted to "the Lord Abbot's hospice for the consumption of himself and his servants being in his hospice and also divers gentry, magnates, and others coming to the said hospice." As we have no other information about the abbot's servants we are at a loss to know how much of this figure (60 and 61 quarters in the 2 years) should be allotted to the visitors. The servants were on quite a different footing from those of the Convent, and both their wages and their food—apart from this wheat—were paid out of the abbot's allowance of £160, which does not have to be accounted for. The convent consumed about 80 quarters of wheat in a year, rather less than 5 quarters a man; at this rate the abbot's hospice had an average content of 13 or 14 persons, half of which number would almost certainly be accounted for by the servants. In the table we have allowed the figure for wheat to stand, as we must make a guess at the probable expenditure on other sorts of food—not to mention the abbot's wine bill—given to visitors, and this figure at least errs on the side of modesty.

Considering the size and importance of Bristol and the great stress which was laid on the cost of hospitality whenever an excuse was needed for adding to monastic possessions, these figures, such as they are, are meagre; even when we allow that visits from the King and the Bishop of Worcester are to be accounted for separately by the Treasurer when they occur, and that the abbot probably spent some of his personal allowance on the entertainment of guests, we do not get the impression that "the constant influx of a heterogeneous crowd of lay persons must have had a sadly disintegrating effect on the religious life;"<sup>1</sup> if we are to condemn Saint Augustine's it must rather be for not performing its duty to the full, for failing to seize the opportunities offered by the rich and varied stream of humanity passing through Bristol in the age of Cabot and Colet. Of course it may be argued that Bristol was well supplied with inns, and that, therefore, the demand for hospitality would be slight compared with that at a house in a small town or in open country; but the superior comfort of monastic lodgings seems generally to have been a powerful attraction to the well-to-do, while the poorer traveller, who is not mentioned in our MSS.—he was no doubt fed on the scraps from the other tables—would surely

<sup>1</sup> Baskerville, *op. cit.*, p. 28.

contrive to haunt the monasteries so long as there was food and rest to be found there.

When we come to almsgiving we find that our authorities, with the honourable exception of Mr. Baskerville, become really verbose in their condemnation. Dr. G. G. Coulton explains that to the mediæval monk "charity begins at home" was much more than an aphorism: "Christ's poor" were the monks and their friends, so that to give to oneself was to give to Christ. Snape quotes a bitter fourteenth-century poem with approval; Savine, sticking as usual to cold figures, calculates that three per cent. of the income of those monasteries whose tenth-free alms are recorded covers their expenditure on such alms. A glance at the figures extracted from our accounts will show that in the case of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, three per cent. of the income in either year will cover all the alms, tenth-free or otherwise, and the cost of anniversaries as well. There is no way in which so meagre an expenditure can be reconciled with the spirit of the Rule by which the monks lived or with the hopeful allegations and implications of those writers who have tried to show that the monasteries upon the eve of the Dissolution were essential to the existence of many poor people all over the country.

But Mr. Baskerville asks a pertinent question: "What exactly were the monasteries expected to do in this connection?" For the answer he has obtained the authority of William of Wykeham, whom he quotes as follows: "to distribute to the poor according to the will of the founders and benefactors; the fragments left from the meals were also to be given to the poor; and so were the canons' old clothes." We need not repeat here the points made in the rest of Mr. Baskerville's section on alms; we need only point out that no accounts will tell us whether the canons gave their old clothes and scraps to the poor or to their friends and relations, while as for the founder and benefactors, they were far more concerned with prayers than with alms—especially if they gave endowments to a monastery that was neither hospital nor almshouse. "Much monastic charity was dispensed," says Mr. Baskerville rather rashly, "but only of the compulsory dole kind."

William of Wykeham's interpretation of the duty of compulsory almsgiving may not accord with the spirit of the various monastic rules—one can imagine the scorn of Saint Benedict or Saint Augustine for so niggardly an attitude, though we must remember that the Rule did not actually lay down any almsgiving,—but

though one may argue therefrom in favour of the Dissolution, the argument must not be used too severely against the abbots and monks themselves; it is unfair to blame the individual for being content with what William of Wykeham considered a fair definition of his duty.

It should be noted that the figures given by many writers (notably Snape) are by no means free from confusion; they include under the heading of charitable expenses moneys spent on gifts, which were in some cases the necessary bribery of the period and in others an accepted part of the servants' wages; "the education of poor scholars" many of whom, whatever their origin, were the monks themselves; "the common games" or annual day of relaxation and merrymaking in the monastery; and so on. The figures of tax-free alms extracted by Savine from the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* are the only reliable guides we have; and it must be remembered that he found 113 cases where no tenth-free alms were recorded, which reduced the percentage of such alms from the three per cent. usually quoted to "less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the gross income."<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the three duties prescribed by rule there had grown up during the centuries a feeling that the provision of educational facilities was also a monastic duty, and expenditure of this sort is usually classed as "spiritual." Mr. Baskerville distinguishes "three classes of persons who were in one way or another helped in their studies in the monasteries, first, the rich boys who were being brought up under the ægis of the abbot; secondly, the poor boys who were housed in the almonry, and, thirdly, the younger monks and canons."

Of the first class we find no trace in these accounts, though that the Abbot of Saint Augustine's, Bristol, had his share of such young men there can be little doubt;<sup>2</sup> probably, being under his care rather than that of the convent, they would be classed with his servants, and the fees paid for them would go directly into the abbatial pocket, though the grammar master paid by the convent might suffice for their instruction.

The poor boys housed in the almonry are usually identified

<sup>1</sup> The amount of food left over from meals was supposed to be considerable—more being prepared than was necessary for the canons and their guests with a view to almsgiving; we have no clue as to what standard of surplus was maintained at Saint Augustine's, but it is always possible that the importance of this form of almsgiving has been under-estimated in comparison with that of the more calculable money doles.

<sup>2</sup> For an example cf. L. & P. Hen. VIII. vii. 103.



with the choristers who sang in the Lady Chapel. Of these our accounts give us definite information: in 1491-92 the Almoner spends some £17, in 1511-12 the amount has risen to nearly £26, on the salaries of Cantor, Master of the Boys, and Succentor, and on food and clothing, etc., for all of them. It seems likely from the way the accounts speak of them that the Cantor and Succentor, in spite of their salaries and their mention by name, were only older boys (?altos) and should be classed with them, in which case the number maintained in the two years was, respectively, five and six. The education of these boys seems to be paid for separately: in 1491-92 the Vicar of St. Augustine the Less is paid 13s. 4d. by the Collector of Bristol Rent for instructing the young Canons and other boys in the grammar school within the abbey; in 1511-12 this entry no longer appears, and though a heading appears in the Treasurer's account suggesting that he has taken over this payment since 1492 there is no payment made that year. We do find, however, a rearrangement of the salaries paid by the Almoner which seems to show what has happened to the Grammar School: whereas in the earlier account William Thorne, Cantor and Master of the Boys, was paid a mere £2, and the Succentor the same, in 1511-12 we have a Master of the Boys receiving £3 6s. 8d., a Succentor £2 13s. 4d., and the Cantor a mere £1 6s. 8d. It seems a reasonable deduction that in the interval the office of Cantor has continued to be combined with that of Master of the Boys, but that the latter office has come to include that of Grammar Master—a likely arrangement if the majority of the pupils came from within the abbey. The use of the words *schola grammaticalis* in both accounts suggests an established institution, and it does seem unlikely that the abbey would suddenly cease to provide any such instruction for its younger inhabitants in an age of increasing zeal for education.

In our consideration of almsgiving we have so far made no mention of the sums devoted *ad participacionem Conuentus*, yet the section would be incomplete without some reference to them. Du Cange defines *Participacio* as *Eleemosyna qua quis pauperes bonorum suorum participes facit*. Were the moneys set aside *ad participacionem Conuentus* indeed given in alms? If so we must admit that nearly half as much again as the amounts appearing in the accompanying Table was spent on the poor. On the other hand we must remember Dr. Coulton's view that monastic charity was often confined to the regular inmates of

the monastery. Was the *participacio Conuentus* simply provision for pocket money? The available evidence is in itself incomplete, and we are therefore obliged to leave the question open, at least until we have dealt more fully with *proprietas* itself.<sup>1</sup>

EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SPIRITUAL DUTIES.

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	I. CHANTRY WORK.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coll. Grace	Rental of Gorewell withdrawn from this office .. .. .	8 0 0	8 0 0
Money	2 Clerks serving in the Abbey Church:		
Sacrist	Wages—£1 each .. .. .	2 0 0	2 0 0
"	Food { Victuals other than bread .. .. .	2 18 6	2 18 6
"	Bread: 260 loaves a year .. .. .	15 5	18 6
"	Clothes and other necessities .. .. .	15 3	1 0 6
		£14 9 2	£14 17 6
	II. CARE OF CHURCH AND COST OF SERVICES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sacrist	Sub-sacrist's salary for his work in the church and the care of the clock .. .. .	13 4	13 4
"	Vestments: laundry, mending and renewals .. .. .	3 10	6 2
"	Cleaning the church, care of the bells, etc. . . . .	1 0 9	14 2
"	Masses { Wine .. .. .	16 8	16 4
"	Bread .. .. .	4 2	2 8
"	Unworked wax and wick yarn for torches and tapers .. .. .	3 17 9½	2 1 10½
"	Lighting { Torches .. .. .	16 3	13 4
"	Candles .. .. .	2 17 6	2 2 0
"	Oil (including oil for Chapter House and Refectory lamps) .. .. .	1 15 4	1 12 0
"	Bell ringing { At 3 great feasts .. .. .	6 0	6 4
"	At 17 lesser feasts .. .. .	11 4	11 4
"	At 4 lesser feasts .. .. .	1 4	1 4
Treasurer	A Sermon on the Green on Easter Sunday .. .. .	6 8	—
"	Cost of Henry Griffiths' funeral, exclusive of mind .. .. .	2 6 2	—
		£15 17 1½	£10 0 10½

<sup>1</sup> v. p. 74, sq.

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	III. HOSPITALITY.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cellerar	Wheat for Abbot's hospice (Total allowed to stand in place of food bought by Abbot)	*20 0 0	*24 8 0
"	Oats for horses of visitors and bailiffs ..	3 6 0	1 0 0
Hostillar	Crockery, bedding, etc., for hospice and royal suite .. .. .	1 4 10	1 5 2
		£24 10 10	£26 13 2
	IV. ALMSGIVING AND ANNIVERSARIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cellerar	Wheat distributed to the poor at anniversaries .. .. .	* 8 4	* 10 0
Coll. Bristol	Herrings distributed to the poor at anniversaries .. .. .	* 7 0	* 6 1
Rent			
Cellerar	Wheat distributed to the poor during Lent and on Maundy Thursday .. .. .	* 11 10½	* 13 0
Coll. Bristol	Herrings distributed to the poor during Lent and on Maundy Thursday .. .. .	9 0	* 6 1
Treasurer	Abbot's distribution of Maundy Money to the poor .. .. .	8 4	8 4
Almoner	Bread distributed to the poor (1 loaf every Wednesday) .. .. .	* 3 1	* 3 8
"	Money distributed to the poor and to brief bearers .. .. .	3 6	3 2
Cellerar	Wheat <i>ad hospiciū pistillar' dñi abbatis</i> ..	* 6 8	—
" and	Bread (*1s. 9d.) and ale (*2s. 6d.) and victuals (8s. 6d.) for month's mind of Henry Griffiths .. .. .	12 9	—
Kitch :			
" "	Bread (*6s. 6d.), ale (7s. 6d.) and victuals (25s. 6d.) for month's mind of 3 Keynsham Canons .. .. .	—	1 19 6
Coll. Bristol	Money spent at anniversary of Thomas Bp. of Bath and Wells (in Treasurers. % in 1511-12) .. .. .	10 0	10 0
Rent			
Anniversarer	Bread and wine for Abbot and Convent, also distribution to the poor, at 2 anniversaries	2 16 0	2 15 0
Sacrist	Money given to Convent at anniversary of Robert Stone .. .. .	6 8	6 8
Cellerar	Wheat given to Begging Friars and to Nuns of St. Mary Magdalene .. .. .	* 16 8	* 1 0 0
Sacrist	Bell-ringing at 3 Anniversaries .. .. .	2 6	2 6
		£8 2 4½	£9 4 0

\* The figures so marked are only approximate. Wheat is reckoned at 10d. a bushel in 1491-92 and at 1s. a bushel in 1511-12. In both years the conventual loaf contained approximately  $\frac{1}{14}$  of a bushel.

Obedientary concerned.		1491-92.	1511-12.
	V. EDUCATION.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer	Exhibitions at Universities: no scholars in 1491-92, 2 in 1511-12 .. .. .	—	6 13 4
Almoner	Boys of the Lady Chapel:		
	Food (bought by Almoner with funds supplied by Treasurer) .. .. .	7 18 8	12 0 0
"	Clothing and other necessities .. .. .	4 15 2	6 13 9
"	Masters' salaries .. .. .	5 0 0	7 6 8
Coll. Bristol	To Vicar of Saint Augustine the Less for teaching young Canons and other boys in the Grammar School .. .. .	13 4	—
Rent			
Treasurer	To John Piers, novice, for teaching the other novices .. .. .	6 8	—
		£18 13 10	£32 13 9
	SUMMARY—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	I. CHANTRY WORK .. .. .	14 9 2	14 17 6
	II. CARE OF CHURCH AND CARE OF SERVICES .. .. .	15 17 1½	10 0 10½
	III. HOSPITALITY .. .. .	24 10 10	26 13 2
	IV. ALMS AND ANNIVERSARIES .. .. .	8 2 4½	9 4 0
	V. EDUCATION .. .. .	18 13 10	32 13 9
		£81 13 4	£93 9 3½

## 5. THE CONVENT'S PERSONAL SHARE.

*Proprietas*<sup>1</sup>—the possession of private property by individual monks and canons—was one of the worldly faults most strongly condemned by founders of the religious Orders. Saint Benedict denounced it as a deadly sin in one professed to religion. Saint Augustine's Rule is just as emphatic: "Let none say that anything is his own, but let all things be in common among you." Saint Bernard blasted it with his contempt: *Monachus qui habet obolum non valet obolum*. Popes and General Councils forbade it over and over again and Archbishop Pecham spoke of *dampnatum vitium proprietatis*.

<sup>1</sup> For this whole subject v. G. G. Coulton, *op. cit.*, Chapters XXI-XXIV.

And yet the evil spread. On one pretext after another the religious began to pile up private incomes of their own, to demand money in place of food and clothing, to claim gratuities on special occasions and to expect a personal dividend out of the yearly savings or profit of their house. By the fifteenth century *proprietas* was firmly established and apparently condoned. Visiting bishops were called in to insist that the customary payments to the convent were made and often prescribed them in their injunctions. Though illicit gain was officially frowned upon, contemporary opinion seems to have found no fault with monks whose private hoards had been gathered with the knowledge and consent of their Abbot and Chapter.

At Saint Augustine's, Bristol, *proprietas* clearly existed in several different forms, though, as we shall see, the Accounts for 1511-12 contain a strong hint that it was carefully regulated or controlled.

Some payments which may belong properly to this category have already been dealt with elsewhere. The *Solucio generalium* by the Collector of Grace Money, the Sacrist's grant in place of the *jantaculum* once given at the summer outing, the clothes-money and spice-money, may have lost all connection with their original purposes and become mere "pocket-money." There is no proof one way or another whether these payments were used for the objects specified or not. Everything depends on the precise meaning of the word *pro* and its ambiguity forces us to leave the question open.

Other sums were distributed among the Canons on special occasions and seem more likely to have been in the nature of gratuities. Most of them are entered at the end of the expenditure "side" of the Accounts concerned against the marginal heading *Solucio* [or *allocacio*] *denariorum ad participacionem Conuentus*. The use of this phrase, however, raises a doubt as to the character and purpose of such allowances. If the word *participacio* is used in the sense of "share," it would imply the division of the sums concerned between the members of the Convent, suggesting that they received it as their own possession. If, on the contrary, it is used in the sense of "alms" (v. Glossary) it may equally well indicate that the canons were intended to distribute these allowances to the poor. The Rolls themselves give no clear ruling on this problem, nor are we aware of the existence of the phrase *allocacio denariorum ad participacionem Conuentus* in any other hitherto published monastic accounts. Neither Snape nor

Coulton mention it specifically, though both refer to distributions of money to monks and canons in certain other houses and in what would appear to be similar circumstances, and seem to regard them as examples of *proprietas*.<sup>1</sup> Possibly such allowances had originated as "alms" but, like some other monastic practices, had been transformed in the interests of the brethren. As Coulton often reminds us, the recipients of conventual charity were often the members of the convent themselves.

In our Accounts the payments *ad participacionem Conuentus* are sometimes made for a specified pretext and sometimes without explanation or excuse, although large sums may be involved:—

	1491-92			1511-12		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anniversarer .. .. .	20	13	3½	11	10	3
Collector of Grace Money .. ..	5	1	5	17	11	4½
Kitchener. To convent <i>pro salario suo</i> by agreement between Kitchener and Abbot and Convent in 1473-74	2	0	0	2	0	0
Almoner. To convent <i>pro terris et</i> <i>tenementis in Estone</i> <sup>2</sup> .. ..	12	2		12	2	
Precentor. To convent as their share of Common Seal Fees .. ..	5	8		—		
Refectorar. To convent for their expenses on Maundy Thursday ..	3	4		3	4	
Vestiar .. .. .	7	12	8½	9	16	3
	<hr/> £36 8 7			<hr/> £41 13 4½		

Of these the third item certainly does not suggest money set aside for alms, the fourth may equally well be for alms or for pocket-money,<sup>2</sup> the fifth looks like a perquisite of a kind well known in many houses<sup>3</sup> and the sixth recalls the 1s. distributed to the Canons of thirteenth-century Barnwell and given by them to the poor on Maundy Thursday. The remaining items

<sup>1</sup> v. Snape, *op. cit.*, p. 165; Coulton, *op. cit.*, p. 415. They refer to £24 9s. od. distributed by the Secretary at Durham in 1409, £32 17s. od. by the Chamberlain at Worcester in 1521-22, and other sums by other obedientiaries.

<sup>2</sup> v. Coulton, *op. cit.*, p. 392 *et seq.*, for examples of bequests which provided for payments of cash to the members of monasteries. See vii. 9, 10; vii. 9, 10.

<sup>3</sup> v. Coulton, *op. cit.*, p. 378.

seem to suggest that it was understood that a large part<sup>1</sup> of any favourable cash balance left over in some departments should be distributed *ad participacionem Conuentus*. But we cannot prove that the money was ever actually divided among the brethren, or that they spent it in alms or on their own self-indulgence. It may have been set aside for almsgiving on their behalf or even have been spent on pittances for them and never have passed as cash into their hands. From our two isolated Rolls no certainty can be derived on this point.<sup>2</sup>

Whatever the nature of the payments it seems likely that some part of them was reserved for the Common Fund. The Treasurer's Account for 1511-12<sup>3</sup> contains a statement that he received £10 18s. 2½d. *de remanencia Conuentus* in that year. This entry seems to us a clear indication that part of the allowances made to the convent was held back. Either this reserved part was in fixed proportion to the whole sum divided among the Canons, or—as the word *remanencia* suggests—it was whatever was left over after they had received their due. Most unfortunately the corresponding entry for 1491-92 is missing. In that year, when the heavy expenses borne by the Common Fund completely exhausted its cash balance, a generous return of money to the central treasury would have seemed only reasonable. But the available figures show that the sum involved cannot have been more than £3 7s. 11¼d.,<sup>4</sup> and was probably less, whereas the total payments made to the convent that same year were little lower than they were in 1512. The smallness of the *remanencia* for 1491 seems to indicate two points: first, that the brethren were entitled to a certain amount or dividend, to us unknown, of cash or of kind, each year and that nothing was allowed to stand in the way of their receiving it, and, secondly, that the *remanencia* was indeed the residue of the *soluciones ad participacionem Conuentus* after that dividend had been paid. These

<sup>1</sup> The whole cash balance of all these departments except that of Grace Money in 1491-92 (when a large sum was paid to the Treasurer) was paid *ad participacionem Conuentus*.

<sup>2</sup> We have the authority of Professor Hamilton Thompson for doubting that "the allowance for the sharing of the convent" applies to alms. He thinks, with us, that it is "the special sum divided among the members of the convent as pocket money for raiment and other necessities. This was general in houses of Canons, and such stipends apparently escaped the condemnation of *proprietas*" and are frequently mentioned in the Lincoln Visitations.

<sup>3</sup> v. XII d., 32.

<sup>4</sup> This sum must cover not this item alone, but the price received from the sale of surplus stock.

suggestions cannot be proved by a single entry and are made for what they are worth. The published accounts of other monasteries shed no further light on the subject. The solution of the problem perhaps lies hidden in documents still unprinted. Till these are brought to light we must leave the subject open.

The approximate totals<sup>1</sup> of expenditure under this head are as follows :—

1491-92 £36 8s. 7d. less (approx.) £3 7s. 11½d. = £33 os. 7¾d.

1511-12 £41 13s. 4½d. less £10 18s. 2½d. = £30 15s. 2½d.

These sums<sup>2</sup> are nearly one-third of those spent on spiritual duties in the same years, an illustration perhaps of the oft-repeated charge that monastic charity began at home.

#### CONCLUSIONS—MONASTIC EXPENDITURE.

The totals of monastic expenditure under all five headings are as follows :—

	1491-92			1511-12		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I The abbot's yearly allowance ..	160	0	0	160	0	0
II Business expenses .. ..	217	13	0	107	8	7
III Housekeeping expenses ..	198	16	5	188	17	6
IV Expenses incurred in the performance of spiritual duties..	81	13	4	93	9	3½
V The convent's personal share	33	0	7½	30	15	2½
	<hr/> £691 3 4½			<hr/> £580 10 7		

If these totals of expenditure are compared with the corresponding totals of income we shall see there was a balance of £76 17s. 10½d. in 1491-92 and of £147 11s. 7½d. in 1511-12. As the calculations on which these figures are based include the value—often uncertain—of foodstuffs and building-stone received and used by the abbey, and do not include the "Cash in hand" at the beginning of the financial year, the figures do not coincide with the actual cash balance recorded at the foot of the Accounts. The whole question of how the monastic accountants struck their

<sup>1</sup> We do not include in these the cash profit pocketed, it seems, by certain outgoing accountants; v. Introduction, p. 18.

<sup>2</sup> These work out at approx. £2 [=£50] per Canon, or perhaps £3 [=£75] per priest-canon and £1 [=£25] per Novice.



balance has already been dealt with in Section Three of this Introduction and need not be reopened here. We can fortunately find out the exact cash profit for each of our two years, which is all that concerns us at the moment. The resulting figures are the sum of the departmental cash in hand at the end of the year less any old balances still recoverable and less the payments made into the Common Fund by other departments.

				1491-92			1511-12		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Chamberlain	..	..	..	6	4	0	19	6	
Cellerar	..	..	..	—			3	6	6
Collector of Bristol Rent	..			—			2	4	4 <sup>1</sup>
Hostillar	..	..	..	1	2	0	15	4	
Precentor	..	..	..			5½	5	1	
Refectorar	..	..	..		12	1½	—		
Sacrist	..	..	..	6	18	3½	—		
Treasurer	..	..	..	—			82	14	5½ <sup>1</sup>
				<hr/> £14 16 10½			<hr/> £90 5 2½		

On the current year's workings alone it can be seen that the abbey's financial position at the end of 1511-12 was far more satisfactory than it had been in 1491-92, in that the cash profit then made was over £70 larger, and this in a year of reduced income. But it must be remembered that in 1511-12 such heavy "extraordinary" expenses as the Benevolence and Lawsuit of 1491-92 could not possibly have been met, as they were in the earlier year, out of current income. Their liability to such sudden and exacting calls on their purse must have been a constant anxiety to the monasteries, and should have made them careful to build up large cash reserves against such emergencies. It is broadly hinted in the 1511-12 Account that Newland, as Treasurer, strove to amass a reserve of this kind, for his cash balance *tam de arrearagiis suis diuersorum annorum precedencium quam de exitu officii sui huius anni* amounted to £868 15s. 9½d.<sup>2</sup> Were it certain that the whole of this sum was actually available cash we could

<sup>1</sup> = This year's profit only.

<sup>2</sup> Made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand at beginning of financial year, 1511-12 ..	786	1	4
Cash profit for the current year .. .. .	82	14	5½
	<hr/> £868 15 9½		

want no more convincing proof of Newland's financial efficiency. To have saved so much money in twenty years was no mean achievement, but the result of sound and persistent policy. The fact that no other name is mentioned as Treasurer suggests that the office had been in the abbot's hand throughout that period. We usually find that where the same obedientiary remained in office for several years on end, he carried forward his cash profits from year to year against a possible deficit: it was when offices changed hands that the officer seems to have pocketed his cash in hand as a perquisite. If the same principle—or lack of it—applies to Newland's Treasurership there seems to be good reason for assuming that his balance in 1512 was more than a paper one.

The large majority of our abbey's expenses were, as the Tables show, routine payments made from year to year. Our two Rolls suggest that these were amply covered by current income: it would require a long and unbroken series of Compotus Rolls to prove this probability. Our two Accounts also show the danger constantly threatened by emergency exactions, to say nothing of such accidents as fire and flood. A monastery had no defence against extortionate superiors, whether ecclesiastical or royal, who chose to wring money out of it by taxation, visitation or other time-honoured methods. It was lucky if after meeting such calls it could conclude its Common Fund Account, as did Saint Augustine's, Bristol, in 1492, with the triumphant entry *Et recessit quietus*. It is often said of the monasteries that they were intent on amassing wealth for themselves instead of spending it on good works. It is our belief that an extensive and systematic study of monastic accounts would show that the monasteries would have been far more useful to society had they only devoted more attention to accumulating a large cash reserve. It was the narrowness of the margin between income and expenditure that forced them to limit their less selfish expenses to the statutory minimum in order to guard against their own evil day.

#### SECTION SIX. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

Our Bristol Account Rolls belong to that important period before the Reformation when conditions in the monasteries were still unclouded by the impending catastrophe. None of the men who compiled the earlier Compotus lived to see the surrender of their house, but some of them were still alive in 1512 when they had among their younger colleagues at least seven Canons who

recognised the Royal Supremacy in 1534 and three who saw the abbey dissolved in 1539.<sup>1</sup> The nearness of our abbey Accounts to the Dissolution invites us to consider how far the accusations made against the monasteries generally in the hour of their fall applied to conditions in one particular house in the less abnormal period which led up to it.

The main charges brought against the monks by Henry VIII's subjects were those of evil living and waste.<sup>2</sup> Though the reports of the Royal Commissioners of 1535 and the subsequent "confessions" of the greater houses have long ago been discredited, their acceptance at the time shows how low the reputation of the monasteries had fallen. Even if we admit the cynicism with which the Dissolution was undertaken we must remember that greedy laymen were not the only critics of the monks. Godly men like Dean Colet had for a long time lamented the idleness, worldliness and avarice of the monasteries. The comparatively few records of Episcopal Visitations for the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries that survive show that reforming bishops had made repeated injunctions against just the same faults. Few more telling examples of "vicious, carnal and abominable living" can be found than are described in the injunctions of Bishop Flemyng of Lincoln for Huntingdon in 1421-22:—<sup>3</sup> "Alas for sorrow! religion is no more; love is driven out; the regular observances, nay, the very rule which was given to canons by the illustrious doctor Saint Augustine, and which you say that you have professed, are almost wholly forgotten; the divine office, by night and likewise by day, is neglected; obedience is violated; the alms are wasted; hospitality is not kept; and indeed the whole provision for matters temporal, without which this present life cannot be carried on, is utterly brought to nought. There is nothing else here but drunkenness and surfeit, disobedience and contempt, private aggrandisement and apostasy, drowsiness—we do not say incontinence, but sloth and every other thing which is on the downward path to evil and drags man to hell." Although the Bishop may have been acting on prejudiced evidence and the preamble from which we quote was very likely a set formula and not an accurate description of conditions at Huntingdon,<sup>4</sup> we

<sup>1</sup> v. Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> v. Tanner, *Tudor Constitutional Documents*, pp. 50 et seq., on the Dissolution.

<sup>3</sup> v. *Lincoln Visitations*, I., p. 76.

<sup>4</sup> But see *Lincoln Visitations*, Editor's Introduction to Vol. I, xi and xii.

must yet insist that the Lincoln and Norwich Registers are both full of examples of the faults here cited. There can hardly have been so much smoke without a fire.

In recounting the great number of instances in which the monks of the middle ages fell short of their profession, Dr. Coulton repeatedly urges his readers to fix their attention not on cases of exceptional saintliness or exceptional villainy, but on the average man who took the vows and on the whole kept them with tolerable success. Against the mediocre majority the charge of evil living in its most sensational forms could presumably not be proved. In its more insidious guises it merged into the second charge, that of waste. For there is little doubt that although this accusation implied in the first place financial incompetence and loss of income through mismanagement or careless accountancy, in the second it meant misappropriation of funds, the spending on luxury, show and self-indulgence of money which had been left to the monks for the adequate support of the religious life.

This part of the case against the monasteries is put with great bluntness by the sixteenth-century controversialist, Thomas Starkey.<sup>1</sup> Discussing the Act of Suppression of 1536, he says: " . . . Albeit the last will of the testators be by this Act altered with authority yet it is not broken with injury, because the consent of the testator is presupposed to be contained therein. Inasmuch as it would surely be thought that if they were now living again and saw . . . how under the pretence of prayer much vice and idleness is used therein, they would peradventure cry out with one voice, saying after this manner to the princes of the world, 'Alter these foundations which we of long time before did institute and turn them to some better use and commodity. We never gave our possessions to this end and purpose to the which by abuse they be now applied. We thought to stablish houses of virtue, learning, and religion the which now by the malice of man in process of time we see turned to vice, blindness, and superstition. We thought to stablish certain companies living together in pure and Christian charity, wherein we see now reigneth much hate, rancour, and envy, much sloth, idleness, and gluttony, much ignorance, blindness and hypocrisy, wherefore we cry, alter those foundations and turn them to better use.' " The subjects of Henry VIII blamed the monasteries not for doing too little social work, but for failing to live the simple, godly lives enjoined by the founders.

<sup>1</sup> v. Thomas Starkey, *England in the Reign of Henry VIII*, p. lv.

Social conscience is a modern growth. The middle ages and even the sixteenth century know nothing of it except in a few rare instances, and even there we may be reading the past too much from our own point of view. To understand the monasteries we must realise that their founders did not ask them to improve the community. To Saint Benedict or Saint Augustine the monastic life was a unique opportunity of service to God. In the seclusion of the cloister men might rest their thoughts on Him, their daily needs so simple as to be no obstacle to their contemplation of the divine, their greatest joy the frequent services in the abbey church. They renounced the world that it might not distract from their main task. The Rules call for no feats of asceticism: they demand neither missionary zeal, nor educational activity, nor generous almsgiving. They represent the monks as the recipients rather than the dispensers of charity, influencing men by prayer and by Christian example rather than by direct teaching. If the sixteenth century failed to go as far as some modern writers in criticising the monks for selfishness, it was because it realised that monasticism was never intended to be altruistic, that its "good works" were first and foremost an offering to God and only incidentally a benefit to the community generally. If the monasteries spent their wealth mainly on themselves sixteenth-century critics did not complain, provided that the cloistered life was a pattern of true godliness. It was when the monks used their riches as a support for idleness and deference to worldly standards that they were attacked.

The Account Rolls reveal little of the moral condition of the religious houses. We cannot tell from them whether the convent lived together in brotherly love or if they were quarrelsome and envious of each other, or whether the brethren obeyed their abbot cheerfully, or grudgingly, or not at all. Expenditure on wine or oil and on cleaning the church affords no real clue to the sincerity or perfunctoriness of conventual worship. Private vices, however flagrant, have no place in an institutional Account Book. What is true of monastic Accounts generally is also true of our two Bristol Rolls. They contain no hint of the graver faults imputed to many monasteries, but their silence on these matters does not prove their non-existence. If ever the records of the Bishop of Worcester's contemporary Visitations of this house are published it may be found that the smooth formalism of the Accounts was only a disguise for vices as bad as any that were implied by the Commissioners' reports of 1535. On the available evidence we

cannot reach any definite conclusion on this subject. But the Accounts afford many revealing sidelights on standards of comfort within the abbey. We have seen that about one-third of each year's income was spent on food, clothing and other domestic needs. The amounts of food and drink consumed are not in any way evidence of gluttony or drunkenness, though they should have been fully adequate. Comfort, ease and sufficiency there certainly were, but no excess. A substantial sum each year was admittedly handed over to the brethren for their private use, though *proprietas* was certainly condemned by their Rule. But it is hinted that, even if the Canons were openly receiving pocket money, some part of their gains came back into the Common Fund. If they performed no more than the legal minimum of their spiritual duties, it was something that they did that at a time when some houses had neither the means nor the inclination to carry out even their legal obligations. In short, as far as the Accounts are concerned, Saint Augustine's appears to have been far more reputable than some other monasteries of the same date.

On the subject of "waste" the evidence of the Rolls is much more direct. They reveal an existence well-regulated and well-endowed but subject to incessant financial anxiety because the margin between income and expenditure was hardly large enough to cover emergency expenses. There is little doubt that in normal years—such as 1511-12—it was possible to save about one-seventh of the year's income. In very expensive years, however, the favourable balance would dwindle alarmingly, as it did in 1491-92. The Accounts in our abbey seem to have been kept with great care and regularity. The system of separately-endowed obediences may have had its disadvantages, but it was probably well suited to the genius of the age. However self-contained and independent they were in theory, in practice the obedientiaries were made to act in the interests of the house as a whole. In the two years of our Accounts sums of £37 13s. 8d. and £8 3s. 11d. were retained by the obedientiaries of those years while they handed over to the Treasurer £101 os. 9d. and £48 19s. 9d., so that Newland in his capacity of Treasurer had at his disposal 72 per cent. and 86 per cent. of the obedientiaries' balances in addition to his income as Treasurer, itself more than half the whole revenue. Such facts as these speak of strong central control, not of diffusion and independence; we cannot doubt but that Newland and his senior Canons had a very clear notion of what was going on in each department of the abbey, and were by no means entirely

dependent upon these annual statements for their knowledge. Clearly the abbey resources were carefully garnered and controlled. If rents dropped between 1492 and 1512 they were not much lower than they were in 1540 when all the power and organisation of the Court of Augmentations was marshalled to collect them. In view of this general steadiness of monastic income it is impossible to accuse Saint Augustine's, Bristol, of "waste" in the sense of financial mismanagement. We have shown that the abbey rose adequately to contemporary standards of correct conduct even if it did not soar very high in saintliness. It seems reasonable therefore to suppose that it was in the main expending its income according to the wishes of its founders. If so the charge of misappropriation must also be dismissed.

The historian's task would be simple if only one class of documents revealed the whole truth. As it is, each type takes us but one step nearer to certainty. The value of our *Compotus Rolls* is that they are positive evidence of the material conditions of monastic life. Their weakness lies in their unconcern with the spirit contained in this concrete shell. In attempting to extract the utmost information from our documents we have called to our aid not only our knowledge of monasticism based on other types of evidence, but also our imagination. In trying to read between the lines of our Accounts we must inevitably have made some mistakes. Our conclusions are offered, however, for what they are worth. If other workers find in the complete yearly accounts of other monasteries facts which corroborate them we shall be glad. If multiplication of data reveals errors in our interpretation we can but accept correction. Whatever the conclusions to which a systematic study of Monastic Accounts may lead we are confident that they will have an important bearing on the full understanding of English monasticism.





## NOTE ON THE MANUSCRIPT

OUR documents comprise two Rolls of fine parchment, dated 1491-92 and 1511-12.

The 1491-92 Roll consists of thirteen membranes of almost uniform width— $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches—and varying lengths, the longest being the Anniversarer's— $29\frac{1}{2}$  inches—and the shortest that shared by the Hostillar and Infirmarer, which is only 18 inches. The remaining skins vary between  $29\frac{1}{2}$  inches and the  $26\frac{1}{2}$  inches shared by the Refectorar and Vestiar. The only blank sides are the backs of the two second leaves required for the lengthy accounts of the Collector of Bristol Rents and the Treasurer. The membranes are bound together at the top with strips of parchment passed through holes, and the obedientiaries' accounts are arranged in alphabetical order, except that the Vestiar shares a skin with the Refectorar and therefore comes before the Sacrist.

The membranes of the 1511-12 Roll, thirteen in all, are  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide. Their length varies between  $32\frac{3}{4}$  inches—the Bristol Rent Collector's first double page—and  $24\frac{1}{8}$  inches—the membrane containing on its two sides the Infirmarer's and Hostillar's accounts. The remainder are between  $32\frac{3}{4}$  inches and  $25\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and there are no blank pages. Three strips of parchment are used to fasten the leaves together at the top. The accounts are arranged in the same order as in the earlier Roll.

In both Rolls the whole has been written by one hand in the clear and neat Court Hand of their period. Even the occasional marginal notes and insertions are in a hand indistinguishable from that of the main body. Moreover, the hand of 1511-12 differs from that of 1491-92 only in habits of punctuation. The evidence encourages us to assume that the writing out of these Rolls was the work of the auditor and his son, William and Thomas Harryes, in 1492 (when both were paid for their *festinacione in scriptura Rotulorum Compotorum Monasterii predicti*), and of Thomas alone in 1512.

Both Rolls are mainly in good condition, though one or two short sections are missing or else so tattered as to be indecipherable (notably the Treasurer's account for 1491-92 and the Cellerar's

for 1511-12.) Both Almoner's accounts also are badly worn at the lower edges, but for no apparent reason. The good condition of both Anniversarer's accounts suggests that the whole roll has always been rolled with its top front inwards.

Presumably the 1491-92 Roll, now housed among the Cathedral archives, has been in the custody of Dean and Chapter continuously since the Reformation. Smyth appears to refer to it and Britton saw it with at least one entry complete that is now incomplete. It does not seem to have suffered during the Bristol Riots, unless some of the damp stains on it date from that time.

The 1511-12 Roll, on the other hand, has left no trace of its presence among the Chapter Archives at any date. Certainly Britton did not see it and we may be sure that had Dean Beeke known of it he would have allowed Britton access to it as freely as to all other records. As Dean Beeke spent much time and labour searching the early records available to him we may conclude that this Roll was not then at the Cathedral. Until 1932, when chance led to its discovery by Mr. J. E. Pritchard among the papers of the late Mr. Charles Wells, its history is unknown. Fortunately Mr. Pritchard recognised the importance of the document and its suitability for publication by the Bristol Record Society. We are much indebted to him for his foresight and interest in the matter. The Roll is at present housed in the Archives Department of the Bristol Council House.

## RULES FOLLOWED IN TRANSCRIPTION

1. In transcribing these documents we have followed the rules laid down in Harding's *Bristol Charters*, pp. 219-221. [Bristol Record Society, 1930.]

2. Lines of the original MS. have been indicated by Arabic numerals enclosed in angular brackets, *e.g.* <21>.

3. The Capital Letters A, H, K, L, V, W do not normally appear as capitals in either MS. Rare variations are given when they occur.

4. In the MSS all headings are written in a bolder, larger script than the main body of the accounts, but here they are printed, marginal headings in small type, and main headings and other more important words and phrases in large and small capitals.

5. Punctuation has been reproduced exactly except that paragraph marks and certain flourishes difficult to reproduce have had to be omitted.

6. On the ground of expense it has been found necessary to print on the line some letters which regularly occur above the line in the MSS, *e.g.* vijmi, and to omit the underlining of figures which regularly indicates that they are not to be counted when working out the total.

7. Two abbreviations have been arbitrarily expanded throughout: *r'* has been given as *reddit*, though in some places *respondet* would fit much better; and *pert'*, representing an ablative plural, has been transcribed as *pertinentibus*, though we are well aware that *pertinenciis* is the common form when the sense requires a noun.

[fo. i, 1-19.]

Officium  
anniuersar'  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS HENRICI BRUGGES COLLECTORIS REDDITUS  
ANNIUERSAR' IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS <1> ARCHANGELI  
ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI .VIJm. SEPTIMO . VSQUE IDEM FESTUM  
ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS <2> VIIJ<sup>o</sup> <3>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . Clviij.li. ix.s. iiij.d. receptis de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
eiusdem <4>

Summa . . . Clviij.li. ix.s. iiij.d. <5>

Redditus  
Bristoll'.

Et de . . . xxxj.li. viij.s. ij.d. receptis de redditu omnium  
tenencium infra eandem villam et Suburbio [*sic*] eiusdem Soluendo  
<6> ad iiijor. anni terminos per annum prout patet per quoddam  
Rentale renouatum in festo sancti Petri quod dicitur aduincula  
anno <7> regni Regis henrici sexti .xxxj<sup>o</sup>.<sup>1</sup> in quo nomina omnium  
tenencium et eorum redditus ad officium predictum pertinencium  
parcellatim annotantur <8> et declarantur. Et de . . . vj.s.  
receptis de willelmo wykeham de nouo redditu cuiusdam stabuli  
cum gardino iuxta tenementum vocatum <9> Malmesbury in  
Redeclyuestrete in anno xxvjto. precedente<sup>2</sup> deuenientis in manu  
domini abbatis et Conuentus per mortem Radulfi lumbard'.  
qui <10> illud habuit ad terminum vite sue pro edificacione  
eiusdem. Et de . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. receptis de incremento  
redditus vnus tenementi vocati <11> Bore is hed'<sup>3</sup> nuper in tenura  
Iohannis Maylgwyn' vltra .vj.li. xvij.s. iiij.d. superius oneratos  
infra summam de .xxxj li viijs ijd <12> et vltra .xxxvj.s  
pertinentes Collectori redditus communis ville Bristoll' vt reddit  
in toto ad summam x.li. Et de . . . xxxiij.s. iiij.d <13> receptis  
de incremento redditus willelmi Syluer vltra .vj.s. viij.d. superius  
in titulo redditus infra summam de xxxj.li. viijs. ij.d. <14>  
oneratos vt reddit ad summam .xl.s. de redditu eiusdem tenementi  
decetero annuatim. De .iij.s. iiij.d. nuper receptis de incremento  
redditus <15> vnus tenementi in venella sancti Iohannis nuper  
in tenura walteri Parle vltra xiiij.s. iiij.d. superius oneratos infra  
summam de <16> .xxxj.li. viij.s. ij.d. vt reddit ad summam  
.xvj.s. viij.d. hoc anno non reddit. eo quod dictum tenementum  
conceditur Rectori ecclesie <17> sancti laurencij . durante vita  
sua pro .v.s. per annum. <18>

Summa . . . xxxiiij.li. xiiij.s. ij.d <19>

[fo. I, 1-15.]

Officium  
anniuersar'  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS HOWELL' COLLECTORIS REDDITUS  
IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1>  
REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI  
EIVSDEM REGIS QUARTO <2>

arreragia

IDEM reddit compotum de . . . ccxxxviiij li ixs xd de arreragiis  
Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . ccxxxviiij li ixs xd <4>

[Red]ditus  
Bristoll'

Et de . . . xxxiiij li xs xd receptis de redditu omnium tenencium  
infra villam Bristoll' et suburbia eiusdem Soluendo ad iiijor anni  
terminos per annum prout patet per quoddam Rentale renouatum in  
festo sancti Petri quod dicitur aduincula anno regni Regis <6> henrici  
vjti xxxj<sup>o</sup><sup>1</sup> in quo nomina omnium tenencium et eorum redditus  
ad officium predictum pertinencium parcellatim annotantur et <7>  
declarantur Et de . . . vjs receptis de willelmo wykeham de  
nouo redditu cuiusdam stabuli cum gardino iuxta <8> tenementum  
vocatam Malmesbury in Redeclyuestrete in anno xlvj precedente<sup>2</sup>  
deuenientis in manu domini abbatis et Conuentus per mortem <9>  
Radulfi lumbard' qui illud habuit ad terminum vite sue pro  
edificacione eiusdem etc Et de . . . xxxiijs iiijd receptis de  
incremento <10> redditus willelmi Sylver vltra vjs viijd superius  
in titulo redditus infra summam de xxxiiij li xs xd oneratos vt  
reddit <11> ad summam xls de redditu eiusdem tenementi decetero  
annuatim De iijs iiijd nuper receptis de incremento redditus  
vnus tenementi in <12> venella sancti Iohannis nuper in tenura  
willelmi Parle vltra xiijs iiijd superius infra summam xxxiiij li  
xs xd vt reddit <13> ad summam xvjs viijd hoc anno non reddit  
eo quod dictum tenementum conceditur Rectori sancti laurencii  
hoc anno <14>

Summa . . . xxxv li xs ijd <15>

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1 August 1453.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. 1465-1466.

<sup>3</sup> In High Street, on the E. side at the corner of St. Mary le Port Street. The Boar's Head and Haddon's Tavern [V. 60] paid higher rents than any other single properties in Bristol. For later references to this property v. Poulet A 1539-1540 under *Firme Bristoll'* and Cathedral Valor '42, *Firme Bristoll'*.

[fo. i, 20-35.]

Redditus  
Bathon'.

Sed reddit de . . .v.s. receptis de redditu .iij. cellarum ibidem  
iacencium iuxta portam borialem<sup>1</sup> eiusdem ville per annum  
etc <20>

Summa . . . v.s. &lt;21&gt;

Staunton'  
Drewe.

Et de . . . xij.s. receptis de redditu ibidem pro vno tenemento  
nuper in tenura Thome Daget et modo dimisso Thome Crede  
Soluendo <22> ad quatuor anni terminos equaliter. <23>

Summa . . . xij.s. &lt;24&gt;

almondes-  
bury

Et de . . . ij.s. vj.d. receptis de redditu ibidem vnus tenementi  
vocati Castell' sic dimissi Nicholao Puffe per annum Tamen  
solebat reddere vjs <25> per annum. Et de . . . iij.s. receptis  
de redditu cuiusdam parcelle prati ibidem sic dimissi willelmo  
Colyns per annum. Et de . . . v.s. <26> receptis de redditu  
Iohannis whitefeld' pro quodam tenemento cum pertinentibus  
nuper alicie Snowe sic dimisso per annum. <27>

Summa . . . x.s. vj.d &lt;28&gt;

Over.

Et de . . . iiij.s. receptis de Iohanne Porker pro quodam  
tenemento nuper willelmi Smyth' per annum et solebat reddere  
.vjs. Et de . . . iij.s. receptis <29> de redditu .ix. acrarum  
terre cum pertinentibus ibidem iacencium versus boscum in le lee  
sic dimissarum willelmo Smyth' per annum. <30>

Summa . . . vij.s. &lt;31&gt;

Denarii  
beati Petri.

Et de . . . vj.s. viij.d. receptis de denariis beati Petri vocatis  
Petrespens . per annum leuatis: videlicet de Collectore redditus  
de <32> asshelworth' xx.d. De huiusmodi Collectore redditus apud  
almondesbury .xx.d. De huiusmodi Collectore redditus apud <33>  
Cromehale .xx.d. Et de huiusmodi Collectore redditus apud  
horefeld' .xx.d <34><sup>2</sup>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d &lt;35&gt;

o. I, 16-30.]

dditus  
thton'

Et de . . . vs receptis de redditu iij cellarum ibidem iacencium iuxta portam borialem<sup>1</sup> eiusdem ville per annum <16>

Summa . . . vs <17>

auton'  
ewe

Et de . . . xijs receptis de redditu ibidem pro vno tenemento in tenura willelmi Pleyer Soluendo ad iiijor anni terminos equaliter per annum <18>

Summa . . . xijs <19>

mondes-  
ry

Et de . . . ijs vjd receptis de redditu vnus tenementi ibidem vocati Castell' sic dimissi Thome hugh' per annum quod solebat reddere vjs <20> per annum Et de . . . iijs receptis de redditu cuiusdam parcelle prati ibidem sic dimisse Ricardo Taillour per annum Et de . . . vs receptis de <21> redditu Iohannis hill' pro quodam tenemento cum pertinentibus nuper Iohannis whitefeld' sic dimisso per annum <22>

Summa . . . xs vjd <23>

rer

Et de . . . iijs receptis de Nicholao Ienkyns pro quodam tenemento nuper Iohannis Porker per annum tamen solebat reddere vjs per annum Et de <24> . . . iijs receptis de redditu Iohannis Churchham pro quodam tenemento nuper Iohannis whitefeld' sic dimisso per annum <25>

Summa . . . vijs <26>

enarii  
ati Petri

Et de . . . vjs viijd receptis de denariis beati Petri vocatis Petrespens per annum leuatis videlicet De collectore redditus de asshelworth' <27> xxd De huiusmodi Collectore redditus apud almondesbury xxd De collectore redditus de Cromehale xxd Et de huiusmodi Collectore redditus <28> apud horefeld' xxd <29><sup>2</sup>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <30>

<sup>1</sup> Poulet and all later records describe these as "three shops in Walcot Street."

<sup>2</sup> This is the only mention of Peter's Pence; whether the money was collected, and, if so, by whom, in the other abbey manors we cannot say; "the lord Pope's collector" receives but a paltry sum from the Treasurer for "procurations"—7s. in each year—and this has no known connection with Peter's Pence. The normal process of collection was by the rector or the vicar (sometimes by the lord of the manor), by whom the cash was transferred via the rural dean to the archdeacon and so to the bishop; it was also normal for each of these individuals to keep a percentage for himself.

[fo. i, 36-53.]

Exitus  
pasture de  
Cantockes-  
close.

Et de . . . xxxvj.s. receptis de exitu cuiusdam pasture vocate Cantockesclose<sup>1</sup> per manum Camerarii Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll' <36> per annum. <37>

Summa . . . xxxvj.s. <38>

Recept'  
denariorum  
de diuersis  
prout patet

De .v.s. de redditu in Erlyngham .vj.s. de redditu in hull'. xiiij.s. iiij.d de redditu in Draycote .iiij.s. de redditu molendini <39> de Radeford'<sup>2</sup> xij.d de redditu in Berkeley .x.s. de redditu in hempton' .iiij.s. iiij.d. de preposito de Rouburgh' pro <40> anniuersario Iohannis Snowe quondam abbatis .ij.s. de redditu tenementi vocati Carpynter super Montem sancti Michaelis. et iiij.li. de <41> redditu seu firma de Meresfeld' in wallia. debitis ad dictum officium per annum . non reddit . quia dicti denarii sunt leuati et onerati <42> in Compotis diuersorum Ministrorum [maneriorum *inserted above*] et domorum . de quibus Thesaurarius Commune abbacie reddit super Compotum participacionis denariorum Conuentus <43> inde faciende <44><sup>3</sup>

Summa . . . nulla. <45>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . CIII<sup>xx</sup> XVII.LI.  
VIIJ.D. <46> DE QUIBUS <47>

Resolucio  
redditus.

Idem computat in redditu resolutio Priorisse et Monialibus de kyngton'<sup>4</sup> pro tenemento vocato Malmesbury in Redeclyuestrete per annum<48> . . . xiiij.s. Et domino de Staunton' seynt Quyn-  
teyn' pro tenemento vocato Seynd' ad terminum sancti Michaelis per annum . . . vj.s. Et <49> procuratoribus ecclesie beate Marie in foro Bristoll' pro via aisiamenti iuxta tenementum vocatum Seynd' versus Cimiterium dicte ecclesie habenda <50> per annum . . . ij.s. Et Communitati ville Bristoll' predicte pro redditu vocato langabull'<sup>5</sup> pro quodam tenemento vocato Fleccher in vico sancti <51> Iohannis dicte ville ad .viij.d ob. per annum videlicet pro hoc anno . . . viij.d. ob. Et Collectori redditus Communis ville Bristoll' pro tenemento <52> vocato webbe aliter

<sup>1</sup> On St. Michael's Hill, just within the County boundary.

<sup>2</sup> Probably on the Yeo near Wraxall, Somerset, cf. xii d., 14, and XII d., 43, where it is described as *iuxta lygh*.

<sup>3</sup> The fate of this sum of 6-4-8 is mysterious: though most of the items might be included with other revenues from the same places in the Treasurer's account, St. Michael's Hill cannot be accommodated there; nor is there any sign in the Treasurer's account of expenditure on "Participation of the Convent." The appearance of Meresfeld in the list is particularly interesting, as it takes us back to 1374, when the Prior of Worcester (acting during a



fo. I, 31-46.]

exitus  
pasture de  
antockes-  
ose

Et de . . . xxxvjs receptis de exitu pasture vocate Cantockes-  
close<sup>1</sup> per manum Camerarii huius Monasteri sancti augustini per  
annum <31>

Summa . . . xxxvjs <32>

receptio  
denariorum  
e diuersis  
rout  
atet. . . .

De vs de redditu in Erlyngham vjs de redditu in hull' xiijs iiijd  
de redditu in Dreycote iijs de redditu molendinorum <33> in  
Radeford'<sup>2</sup> xijd de redditu in Berkeley xs de redditu in hempton'  
iijs iiijd de preposito de Rouburgh' pro <34> anniuersario Iohannis  
quondam abbatis ijs de redditu tenementi vocati Carpynter super  
Montem sancti Michaelis iiij li de redditu seu <35> firma de Mersfeld'  
in wallia debitis ad dictum officium per annum non reddit quia  
dicti denarii sunt leuati et onerati in Compotis diuersorum <36>  
Ministrorum Maneriorum et Domorum De quibus Thesaurario  
Commune abbacie reddit super compotum participacionis  
denariorum Conuentus inde faciende <37><sup>3</sup>

Summa . . . nulla <38>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . CCLXXVIJ LI  
XVIJS IJD <39> DE QUIBUS <40>

resolucio  
redditus

Idem computat in redditu resolutio Priorisse et Monialibus de  
kyngton'<sup>4</sup> pro tenemento vocato Malmesbury in Redeclyuestrete  
per annum <41> . . . xiijs Et domino de Staunton' seint  
Quynteyn' pro tenemento vocato Seind ad terminum sancti  
Michaelis per annum . . . vjs Et <42> Procuratoribus Ecclesie  
beate Marie in foro Bristoll' pro via aisiamenti iuxta tenementum  
vocatum Seind versus Cimiterium dicte ecclesie habenda <43>  
per annum . . . ijs Et Communitati ville Bristoll' predicte pro  
redditu vocato longable<sup>5</sup> pro quodam tenemento vocato Fleccher  
in vico sancti <44> Iohannis dicte ville hoc anno . . . vijd ob' Et  
Collectori redditus Communis ville Bristoll' predicte pro tenemento  
vocato webbe aliter dicto <45> Foxehill' iuxta altam Crucem

vacancy of the see) made a series of decrees "touching the dissensions which  
lately arose . . . between the abbot and the convent." No. 18 of these  
says that the convent formerly had 5 marks from Baggerugge; now "the  
abbot wills and grants to the convent six marks" [the exact £4 of our accounts]  
"from Mersfeld, if so great a sum can be raised there." [*Worc. Reg. Sede  
Vacante*, pp. 318 sqq.]

<sup>4</sup> Kyngton is near Malmesbury in Wiltshire.

<sup>5</sup> v. Intr., p. 32.

[fo. i, 53-69.]

dicto Foxhill'<sup>1</sup> iuxta altam Crucem quod Iohannes Fisssher nuper tenuit per redditum . . . vj.s. Et eidem <53> Collectori redditus pro quodam tenemento in vico sancti Iohannis dicte ville ad festum sancti Michaelis per annum. . . . xij.d Et Magistro sancte <54> katerine<sup>3</sup> iuxta Bristoll' pro tenemento vocato Bristowe super Redeclyuehill' per annum . . . vj.d. <55>

Summa . . . xxx.s. j.d ob. <56>

Defectus redditus. Frogmore- strete. . . .	Et in defectu redditus vnus shope in Frogmorestrete nuper in tenura Patrike superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra <57> vjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viij.d. Et in defectu redditus vnus alterius shope ibidem nuper in tenura Thome <58> Smyth' superius similiter onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra
horstrete. . . .	vjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viij.d. ♣ Et in <59> defectu redditus vnus tenementi in horsestrete nuper in tenura Plompton' superius onerati ad vjs viijd vnde nichil leuatur <60> de exitu
venella sancti Iohannis. . . .	hoc anno . . . vjs viijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in venella sancti Iohannis in tenura Rectoris <61> ecclesie sancti laurencii et antea in tenura walteri Parle superius similiter onerati ad xij.s. iiij.d. per annum vltra .v.s. <62> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viij.s. iiij.d. Et in defectu redditus .j. cellarii ibidem in tenura Roberti Straunge <63> et antea in tenura Ricardi ward' superius onerati ad x.s per annum vltra .vj.s.viijd. inde leuatos
Cowelane. . . .	de exitu hoc anno <64> . . . iijs iiijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus liberi tenementi in Cowelane nuper in tenura Iohannis More <sup>4</sup> superius onerati <65> ad xij.s. iiijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur
Cimiterium Omnium Sanctorum. . . . .	de exitu hoc anno . . . xij.s. iiij.d ♣ Et in defectu redditus .ij. tenementorum i[u]xta ecclesiam <66> Omnium Sanctorum superius similiter oneratum ad vj.s. per annum vnde nichil leuatur de
Porta ceca. . . .	exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. ♣ Et in defectu <67> redditus vnus tenementi iuxta portam cecam <sup>5</sup> nuper in tenura Iohannis Pareys superius similiter onerati ad xx.s per annum <68> vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xx.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus

<sup>1</sup> This appears in the next paragraph as *webbe*, *nuper in tenura Foxehill'*; clearly many of these names of tenements change with each long-resident tenant, as farm names still do.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i, 11.

<sup>3</sup> St. Katherine Brightbow near Trivel Mills.

<sup>4</sup> John More of 1491-92 is invariably John Mauncell' in 1511-12. Cf. I d., 26, and Intr., p. 31.

<sup>5</sup> This gate was in the old (*i.e.* inner) town wall, as may be seen from William Worcestre [ed. Nasmith, pp. 176, 200, 251-52]; it was near St. John's Cemetery. *Tour-strete*: *longitudo viae de Wynch-strete apud le pyllorye continuans per cimiterium S. Iohannis prope blynde-yate usque Brad-strete.*

I, 46-62.]

quod Iohannes Fysshier nuper tenuit per annum<sup>1</sup> . . . vjs Et eidem Collectori redditus pro quodam <46> tenemento in vico sancti Iohannis dicte ville ad finem sancti Michaelis per annum . . . xijd Et eidem Collectori redditus pro tenemento vocato Boreished' <47> hoc anno . . . xxxvjs<sup>2</sup> Et Magistro sancte katerine<sup>3</sup> iuxta Bristoll' pro tenemento vocato Bristowe super Redeclyuehull' per annum . . . nichil <48>

Summa . . . lxvs vijd ob' <49>

ctus  
iditus

Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Frogmorestrete in tenura cuiusdam vidue superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra xijd <50> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem in tenura Regine keteryne superius onerati ad <51> vjs viijd per annum vltra vjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijd Et in defectu redditus unius tenementi ibidem in tenura <52> Thome Browne superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra vjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijd//Et in <53> defectu redditus unius tenementi in horstrete nuper in tenura plompton' superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra xxd inde leuatos de exitu <54> hoc anno . . . vs //Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in venella sancti Iohannis nuper in tenura Rectoris sancti laurencii superius onerati ad <55> xiijs iiijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xiijs iiijd Et in defectu redditus vnus Cellarii ibidem superius onerati ad <56> xs per annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd//Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi liberi ad hospicium <57> albe leonis in Bradestrete superius onerati ad ijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs//Et in defectu redditus vnus <58> tenementi liberi in angulo de Smalestrete in tenura hugonis yonge superius onerati ad xs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . <59> . . . xs Et in defectu redditus ij tenementorum in Cimiterio Omnium Sanctorum superius oneratum ad vjs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc <60> anno . . . vjs//Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi iuxta portam secam<sup>5</sup> superius onerati ad xxs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu <61> hoc anno . . . xxs//Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi

[fo. i, 69-87.]

altus  
vicus. . . . vnus tenementi iuxta altam Crucem nuper in tenura <69>  
Foxehill' superius similiter onerati ad xxiijs. iiij.d per annum  
vltra xx.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno <70> . . . iijs iiij.d  
Et in defectu redditus vnus taberne ad signum de la Bore is hed'  
superius similiter onerati [ad] <71> x.li. per annum . vltra viij.li.  
Touker- inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xl.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus  
strete. . . . vnus liberi tenementi [nuper Iohannis Cole . . . d' *inserted above*]  
<72> in Toukerstrete superius similiter onerati ad v.s. per annum  
wryngton- vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . v.s. ♣ Et in <73>  
lane. . . . defectu redditus vnus tenementi in wryngtonlane<sup>1</sup> superius  
onerati ad xiiij.s iiij.d. per annum vltra viijs. inde leuatos <74>  
vicus sancti de exitu hoc anno . . . v.s.iiijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus  
Thome. . . . tenementi in vico sancti Thome vocati langespe nuper <75> in  
tenura Iohannis Dyer' superius similiter onerati ad xij.s per  
annum vltra .iiij.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno <76> . . .  
Redeclyue- .viiij.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus .ij. tenementorum in Redeclyue-  
strete. . . . strete nuper in tenura Malmesbury' superius <77> similiter  
operatorum ad .l.s. per annum vltra xl.s inde leuatos de exitu  
hoc anno . . . x.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus <78> liberi  
tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Ricardi Forsterre superius  
similiter onerati ad vj.s. viij.d per annum vnde <79> nichil leuatur  
Redeclyue- de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d. ♣ Et in defectu redditus .ij.  
hill'. . . . tenementorum cum pertinentibus super Redeclyuehill' <80>  
superius similiter operatorum ad xiiij.s. per annum vltra .xvj.d.  
inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xijs viijd <81>

Summa . . . vij.li. x.s. &lt;82&gt;

Custus Et in pane et in vino emptis pro domino abbate et eius Conuentu  
anniuersariorum. in die anniuersarii Roberti hardynge accidente in festo sancte  
agathe virginis<sup>3</sup> <83> annuatim vna cum distribucione pauperibus  
ad idem tempus venientibus hoc anno facienda .xxxiiij.s. Et in  
<84> pane et vino emptis pro domino abbate et eius Conuentu  
in die anniuersarii Roberti Berkeley<sup>4</sup> cum distribucione pauper-  
ibus [vt] <85> supra facienda . . . xxxiiij.s. <86>

Summa . . . lvj.s. &lt;87&gt;

<sup>1</sup> Leading from Tucker Street down to the Avon, on the site now occupied by George's Brewery.

<sup>2</sup> The Hospital of St. John Baptist, Redcliffe.

<sup>3</sup> February 5th.

<sup>4</sup> The accounts invariably speak of "Hardyng" and "Berkeley," not "FitzHarding" and "de Berkeley." This Robert de Berkeley was grandson of the founder, also a great benefactor to the abbey.

p. I, 62-76.]

iuxta altam Crucem in tenura Iohanne Iames vidue superius onerati <62> ad xxiijs iiijd per annum vltra xxs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd // Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in <63> Cimiterio de seintmaryporte superius onerati ad xs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xs Et in defectu redditus <64> unius tenementi ibidem in tenura willelmi Bouchour superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs // <65> Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi liberi in Toukerstrete superius onerati ad vs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . vs <66> // Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in wryngton'lane<sup>1</sup> superius onerati ad xiijs iiijd per annum vltra iiijs inde leuatos de exitu <67> hoc anno . . . ixjs iiijd // Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in vico sancti Thome vocati longspe superius onerati ad xijs <68> per annum vltra vltra [sic] viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiijs // Et in defectu redditus ij tenementorum in Redeclyuestrete <69> superius oneratorum ad ls per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . ls Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi liberi in tenura <70> Magistri sancti Iohannis<sup>2</sup> superius similiter onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . vjs viijd Et in defectu <71> redditus vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Iohannis Forsterre superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra ijs iiijd inde <72> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd // Et in defectu redditus ij tenementorum super Redeclyuehull' superius oneratorum ad <73> xiijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xiijs <74>

Summa . . . viij li xvijs viijd <75>

[OFFICIUM ANNIUERSARII] <76>

p. Id, 1-5.]

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Et in pane et vino emptis pro domino abbate et eius Conuentu die anniuersarii domini Roberti hardynge fundatoris huius Monasterii <1> accidente in festo sancte agathe virginis<sup>3</sup> annuatim vna cum distribucione pauperibus ad idem tempus venientibus hoc anno <2> vt in annis precedentibus . . . xxxijs vjd Et in pane et vino emptis pro domino abbate et eius Conuentu in die anniuersarii <3> Roberti Berkeley<sup>4</sup> cum distribucione pauperibus vt supra facienda . . . xxijs vjd <4>

Summa . . . lvs <5>

[fo. i, 88-91]

Consuetudo Et in quadam consuetudine prefati Computatoris pro calciaturis suis causa officij [sui . . . . . x.s. Et] <88> in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno prout allocatur in Compotis [precedentibus . . . vj.d.] <89>

Summa . . . x.s. vj.d. &lt;90&gt;

OFFICIUM ANNIUERSARII &lt;91&gt;

[fo. id, 1-17]

Reparaciones Et in custubus reparacionis diuersarum domorum huic officio pertinencium prout patet in libro [ . . . . . super hunc] <1> Compotum debito examinato et probato et inter memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . xxxiiij.s. ix.d. <2>

Summa . . . xxxiiij.s. ix.d. &lt;3&gt;

liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem domini abbatis et Conuentus Monasterii predicti hoc anno . . . xx.li. xiiij.s. iij.d. ob<sup>1</sup> <4>

Summa . . . xx.li. xiiij.s. iij.d. ob. &lt;5&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXXIIIJ.LI.

XIIIJ.S. VIIJ.D. ET DEBENTUR &lt;6&gt; . . . CLXIJ.LI. VJ.S. &lt;7&gt;

VNDE. &lt;8&gt;

ijs viijd heredes Thome Broke<sup>2</sup> de libero redditu vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Scoches super <9> montem sancti Michaelis ad ij.s. viij.d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc <10> anno quam pro .xxxvj. annis proxime precedentibus . . . <11>

. . . iiij.li. xviiij.s.  
viij.d

nichil solut' willelmum worcestre<sup>3</sup> de libero redditu vnus tenementi vocati Pym' in lewennesmede ad <12> iiij.s per annum aretro existente per .xxxj. annos prout patet in pede Compoti <13> huius officij de anno .vjto. proxime precedente . . . <14>

. . . vj.li. iiij.s.

x.s willelmum Baker de libero redditu vnus tenementi vocati Charles quondam wareyns <15> in Cristemastrete ad .x.s. per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno <16> quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <17>

. . . xviiij.li. x.s.

Id, 6-22.]

nsuetudo Et in quadam consuetudine facta Computatori pro calciaturis suis  
causa officij sui per annum prout allocatur in Compotis  
precedentibus . . . <6> . . . xs Et in pergamenno empto pro isto  
Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . vjd <7>

Summa . . . xs vjd <8>

paraciones Et in Custu reparacionum domorum huic officio pertinencium  
prout patet in libro percell' dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc  
Compotum <9> debit' examinat' et probat' et inter cetera  
Memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanent' . . . vij li  
xvijs iijd ob' <10>

Summa . . . vij li xvijs iijd ob' <11>

eracio Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus Monasterii  
nariorum predicti hoc anno . . . xj li xs iijd<sup>1</sup> <12>

Summa liberata . . . xj li xs iijd <13>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXXIIIJ LI  
XVIJS IIJD Et <14> DEBENTUR . . . CCXLIJ LI XIXS XD <15>  
UNDE <16>

ijs viijd	{                 Heredes Thome Broke <sup>2</sup> de libero redditu vnius tenementi nuper in tenura Socches super montem <17> sancti Michaelis ad ijs viijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis <16> proxime preceden- tibus <19> .. .. .                 }	. . . vij li xjs xd [sic]
xs		
	{                 willelmm Baker de libero redditu vnius tenementi vocati Carles quondam wareyns in <20> Crystesmastrete ad xs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj <21> annis proxime precedentibus <22> .. .. .                 }	. . . xxviiij li xs

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Intr., p. 75 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> If this Thomas Broke be a member of the great family of that name he must be identified with the fourth son of Sir Thomas Brook and Joan Braybroke of Cobham; this would make him an uncle of that John who was Sergeant-at-Law to Henry VIII, whose brass is in St. Mary Redcliffe. William Worcestre says that N. Broke Lord Cobham was lord of Clifton [Nasmith 186].

<sup>3</sup> This may very well be the identical William Worcestre to whom we owe so much information about Bristol.

[fo. id, 18-33.]

xviij d	Tenentes vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Stephani pictoris in Cristesmastrete de <18> libero redditu suo eiusdem ad xviij d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc <19> anno quam pro xxxvj. annis proxime precedentibus . . . <20>	. . . lv.s. vj.d
hoc anno solut'	Tenentes terrarum et tenementorum nuper willelmi Prelate de redditu vnus shope annexate <21> conducto aque apud le key ad .ij.s per annum aretro existente [tam pro <i>struck through</i> ] <22> [hoc anno quam <i>struck through</i> ] pro .xxij. annis proxime precedentibus vltra xij.d inde receptos per dictum Computatorem <23> anno .iiijcio. Regis predicti et vltra alios .xijd. inde receptos per eundem Computatorem anno .iiijto. <24> eiusdem Regis vt patet in precedente . et vltra .ij.s. inde solutos hoc anno . . . <25>	. . . xlij.s
	[In the margin opposite this entry is the following :] Md. ad intrand' xiijs. iiij d. de libero redditu nuper Iohannis More in Cowelane tam [pro] hoc anno quam pro plurimis annis prout patet Titulo defectus redditus.	
solut' [ . . . ]	Iohannem wykes de libero redditu suo vnus shope cum pertinentibus super le key ad ij.s. per annum <26> aretro existente per x. annos prout in pede Compoti huius officij anno .iiijto. proxime precedente <27>	. . . xx.s.
ijs	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati halfurlonge <sup>2</sup> situati in vico sancti Nicholai de libero redditu <28> eiusdem ad .ij.s per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro .xxxvj. annis <29> proxime precedentibus . . . <30>	. . . lxxiiij.s.
xvj d	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati langebord' <sup>2</sup> nuper in tenura Edwardi Fraunceys <31> in vico sancti Nicholai de libero redditu eiusdem ad xvj.d per annum aretro existente <32> tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj. annis proxime precedentibus . . . <33>	. . . xlix.s. iiij d



fo. Id, 23-38]

xviijd	Tenentes vnius tenementi nuper in tenura Stephani pictoris in Crystesmastrete de libero redditu <23> eiusdem ad xvijjd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis <24> proxime precedentibus <25>	. . . iiij li vs vjd
	Tenentes vnius tenementi in Cowelane nuper Iohannis Mauncell' <sup>1</sup> de libero redditu eiusdem ad <26> xiijs iiijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xx annis proxime <27> precedentibus et aliis plurimis annis vt patet in titulo defectus redditus huius officij <28> .. .. .	. . . xiiij li vjs viijd
ijs	Tenentes vnius tenementi vocati halfurlonge <sup>2</sup> scituati in vico sancti Nicholai de libero redditu eiusdem <29> ad ijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <30> .. .. .	. . . Cxiiijs
xvjd	Tenentes vnius tenementi vocati lanlord' <sup>2</sup> nuper in tenura Edwardi Fraunceys in vico sancti <31> Nicholai de libero redditu eiusdem ad xvjd per annum aretro existente tam pro <32> hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <33> .. .. .	. . . lxxvjs
ijs iiijd	Tenentes vnius tenementi vocati Donnyng in Baldwynestrete de libero redditu <34> eiusdem ad ijs iiijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj <35> annis proxime precedentibus <36> .. .. .	. . . vj li viijs iiijd
vjd	Tenentes vnius shope versus occidentalem partem de Baldwynestrete de libero redditu eiusdem <37> ad vjd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <38> .. .. .	. . . xxvijs vjd

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 64.

<sup>2</sup> These tenements were named as early as 13 Edward I. Langbord was in "Worchshipestret" [i.e. the Shambles]. v. *Gl. Red Bk.*, Text pt. 1, p. 97.

[fo. id, 34-52.]

ijs iijd Super . . . . .	Tenentes cuiusdam tenementi vocati Donn- ynge in Baldewynestrete de libero redditu <34> eiusdem ad iij.s. iij.d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro <35> xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <36>	. . . iij. iij.s. iijd
vjd	Tenentes vnus shope versus occidentalem partem de Baldewynestrete de libero redditu <37> eiusdem ad vj.d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <38>	. . . xvij.s. vjd
xs	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati Mayldewe in alto vico cuius redditus Prior sancti <39> Iacobi clamat et percipit quo titulo ignoratur <sup>1</sup> de libero redditu eiusdem ad x.s <40> per an- num aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus <41>	. . . xvij.li. x.s
ixd	Tenentes vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Neste in Macello Carnific' <sup>2</sup> de libero <42> redditu eiusdem ad .ix.d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno <43> quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <44>	. . . xxvijs. ix.d
viijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi nuper adrian' in Macello predicta [ <i>sic</i> ] de libero redditu eiusdem ad <45> viijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <46>	. . . xxiiij.s. viijd
iijs	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati Forsterre in Macello predicta de libero redditu eiusdem <47> ad iij.s per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus <48>	. . . Cxj.s.
viijs	Iohannem Spicer pro vno tenemento libero nuper in tenura Beaufloure in Toukerestrete <49> ad .viijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj. annis <50> proxime precedentibus ad .viijs.li. [ <i>sic</i> ] per tempus predictum vltra xij.s iij.d inde receptos per dictum Computatorem <51> in anno xxvij <sup>o</sup> precedente in precio vnus peris de Shermannesheres . . . <52>	. . . xiiij.li. ij.s. viijs.d

Id, 39-53.]

xs	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati Maildewe in alto vico cuius redditum Prior sancti Iacobi <39> clamat et percipit quo titulo ignoratur <sup>1</sup> de libero redditu eiusdem ad xs per annum aretro <40> existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <41> ..	. . . xxviiij li xs
ixd	Tenentes vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Neste in Macello carnificuo <sup>2</sup> de libero redditu eiusdem <42> ad ixd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <43> .. .. .	. . . xlijs ixd
viijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi nuper adrian in Macello carnificuo de libero redditu eiusdem ad <44> viijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis precedentibus <45> .. .. .	. . . xxxviijs
iijs	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati Forsterre in Macello predicto de libero redditu eiusdem <46> ad iijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <47> .. .. .	. . . viij li xjs
viijs	Iohannem Spicer pro vno tenemento libero nuper in tenura Beauflowre in Toukerstrete <48> ad viijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <49> ad viij.li. [sic] per tempus predictum vltra xiijs iiijd inde receptos per dictum Computatorem in anno <50> xlviiij <sup>o</sup> precedente in precio vnus paris de Shermannesheres <sup>3</sup> <51> .. .. .	. . . xxij li ijs viijd
ijs	Tenentes unius tenementi vocati hemmynge in Toukerstrete ad ijs per annum de libero <52> redditu eiusdem aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <53> .. .. .	. . . Cxiiijs

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 31.

<sup>2</sup> The Meat Market, usually known as the Shambles, approximately on the site of the present Bridge Street.

<sup>3</sup> Tucker St. had been the headquarters of the Bristol clothiers.

[fo. id, 53-59.]

ijs	Tenentes vnius tenementi vocati hemmynge in Toukerestrete ad ij.s per annum de libero <53> redditu eiusdem aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <54>	} . . . lxxiiij.s.
iiijs	Tenentes vnius tenementi vocati Germon' in Templestrete ad iiij.s. per annum de libero <55> redditu eiusdem aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . <56>	} . . . vij.li. viij.s.
xxviijs	Tenentes terrarum et tenementorum nuper Iohannis More in villa Bristoll' videlicet de redditu <57> diuersorum tenementorum suorum ibidem nuper in tenura Rogeri kemys aretro existente de diuersis <58> annis etc ad xxviiij.s. per annum vt in Compotis precedentibus . . . <59>	} . . . lxiiij.li. xij.s. vij.d

fo. Id, 54-58]

iiijs	Tenentes unius tenementi vocati Germon' in Templestrete ad iiijs per annum de libero <54>	} . . . xj li viijs.
	redditu eiusdem aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus <55> .. .. .	
xxviijs	Tenentes terrarum et tenementorum nuper Iohannis Mauncell' in villa Bristoll' videlicet de redditu <56> diuersorum tenementorum suorum aretro existente de diuersis annis ad xxviijs per annum vt in <57> Compotis	} . . . <sup>xx</sup> iiijxj li xijs viijd
exitus anni . . . iiij li xs	precedentibus <58> .. .. .	

[fo. ii, 1-17.]

Officium Camerarii Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol'	}	COMPOTUS FRATRIS THOME GRENE CAMERARII IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS HENRICI VIJmi. SEPTIMO .VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS OCTAUO. <2>
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arreragia. Idem reddit compotum de . . . xxix.li. ix.d. ob. receptis de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
eiusdem <3>

Summa . . . xxix.li. ix.d. ob. <4>

asshelworth'. Et de . . . xli.s. receptis de Iohanne longe appruatore Manerij  
ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto suo  
huius anni <5>

Summa . . . xli.s.<sup>1</sup> <6>

almondes- Et de . . . ix.li. vij.s. vj.d. receptis de willelmo Selcok' preposito  
bury. et Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt  
patet in <7> Compoto suo huius anni etc <8>

Summa . . . ix.li.<sup>1</sup> vij.s. vj.d <9>

Berkeley. Et de . . . viij.s. receptis de Ricardo Splynner Custode Manerij  
ac Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni  
vt patet in <10> Compoto suo huius anni etc <11>

Summa . . . viij.s.<sup>1</sup> <12>

Blakesworth'. Et de . . . xx.s. receptis de waltero yonge Collectore redditus  
ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto suo  
huius anni <13>

Summa . . . xx.s.<sup>1</sup> <14>

Cromehale. Et de . . . xxxv.s. vij.d. receptis de Iohanne webbe balliuo et  
Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet  
in <15> Compoto suo huius anni etc <16>

Summa . . . xxxv.s.<sup>1</sup> vij.d <17>

<sup>1</sup> "..." above each total; probably inserted when checking.

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toll' } COMPOTUS FRATRIS ROBERTI ELYOT CAMERARII IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS HENRICI  
OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS  
QUARTO <2>

ragia IDEM reddit compotum de . . . xxs iiijd de arreragiis Compoti  
anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . xxs iiijd <4>

elworth' Et de . . . lxiiijs vijd receptis de Thoma longe appruatore  
Manerij ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto  
<5> suo ibidem <6>

Summa . . . lxiiijs viijd <7>

ondes Et de . . . iiij li vjs viijd ob' receptis de Willelmo Vympeny  
preposito et Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius  
anni vt <8> patet in Compoto suo huius anni <9>

Summa . . . iiij li vjs viijd ob' <10>

keley Et de . . . xvijs vijd receptis de Iohanne Spynner appruatore  
siue Custode Manerij et Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis  
<11> Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <12>

Summa . . . xvijs vijd <13>

kesworth' Et de . . . nichil receptum de Thoma yonge Collectore redditus  
ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo  
huius anni <14>

Summa . . . nulla <15>

me hale Et de . . . xxixs xd ob' receptis de Roberto Dymerey Collectore  
redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in <16>  
Compoto suo huius anni <17>

Summa . . . xxixs xd ob' <18>

[fo. ii, 18-37.]

Erlyngham. De aliquo proficuo proueniente de aliquibus Curiis ibidem tentis hoc anno non reddit: eo quod nulla Curia ibidem tenta fuit per dictum tempus etc<sup>1</sup> <18>

Summa . . . nulla <19>

Fyfhyde. Sed reddit de . . . liij.s. x.d. receptis de Iohanne Browne Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto <20> suo huius anni <21>

Summa . . . liij.s.<sup>2</sup> x.d <22>

horefeld'. Et de . . . xxvij.s. xj.d. receptis de willelmo Porker Iuniore Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in <23> Compoto suo huius anni etc <24>

Summa . . . xxvij.s.<sup>3</sup> xj.d <25>

lygh'. Et de . . . lxxj.s. x.d. receptis de Iohanne Bye Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto <26> suo huius anni etc <27>

Summa . . . lxxj.s.<sup>2</sup> x.d <28>

Rouburgh'. Et de . . . xix.s. receptis de Iohanne houchyns Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in Compoto <29> suo huius anni. <30>

Summa . . . xix.s.<sup>4</sup> <31>

Baggerugge. De aliquo proficuo proueniente de aliquibus Curiis ibidem tentis hoc anno non reddit. eo quod nulla Curia ibidem tenta fuit per dictum <32> tempus etc<sup>5</sup> <33>

Summa . . . nulla <34>

Serney. Sed reddit de . . . x.s. viij.d. receptis de Iohanne Draper Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie huius anni vt patet in <35> Compoto suo huius anni<sup>6</sup> <36>

Summa . . . x.s. viij.d <37>

<sup>1</sup> The property at Erlyngham consisted largely of fishing rights and weirs, so that it would hardly justify a regular Court; as Smyth put it (III. 67), "The abbot had a manor in this parish raised out of diuers lands." In 1619 there were nine "Customary Tenants holding by Copy for three lives," who paid £6 3s. 6d. in rent.

<sup>2</sup> ∴ above second and third letters.

<sup>3</sup> ∴ above first and second letters.



o. II, 19-38.]

lyngham De aliquo proficuo proueniente de aliquibus Curiis ibidem tentis hoc anno non reddit eo quod nulla Curia ibidem tenta fuit per dictum tempus <19><sup>1</sup>

Summa . . . nulla <20>

hide Sed reddit de . . . iijs ixd receptis de willelmo Pope Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in Compoto <21> suo huius anni <22>

Summa . . . iijs ixd <23>

refeld' Et de . . . viijs vd receptis de Iohanne Cory Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius <24> anni <25>

Summa . . . viijs vd <26>

h' Et de . . . ix li ijs ixd receptis de Iohanne Pastowe Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo <27> huius anni <28>

Summa . . . ix li ijs ixd <29>

uburgh' Et de . . . xvjs receptis de Iohanne Squyer Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo <30> huius anni <31>

Summa . . . xvjs <32>

ggerugge De aliquo proficuo proueniente de aliquibus Curiis ibidem tentis hoc anno non reddit eo quod nulla Curia ibidem tenta fuit per dictum <33> tempus <34> <sup>5</sup>

Summa . . . nulla <35>

rney Sed reddit de . . . nichil receptum de Iohanne Draper Collectore redditus ibidem de perquisitis Curie ibidem tente hoc anno vt patet per Rotulum Curie <36> inde etc <37> <sup>6</sup>

Summa . . . nulla <38>

<sup>4</sup> .i. above first letter.

<sup>5</sup> In 1314 and 1376 the abbot held  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a knight's fee here (*Cal. Close*).

<sup>6</sup> South Cerney, s. of Cirencester.

[fo. ii, 38-55.]

Firma  
pastur'.

Et de . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. receptis de firma cuiusdam pasture vocate Cantockesclose iuxta Bristoll' sic dimisse domino <38> abbati hoc anno . Et de . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. receptis de herbagio proueniente de ruanno post falcacionem prati predicti sic vendito <39> prefato abbati hoc anno . Et de . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. receptis de exitu secunde<sup>1</sup> vesture cuiusdam prati vocati Canonmershe post <40> primam falcacionem eiusdem sic vendite prefato abbati hoc anno. <41>

Summa . . . iiij.li. &lt;42&gt;

Recept'  
forinsec'.

NULL'. &lt;43&gt;

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . LVJ.LI.

XV.S. J.D. OB. &lt;44&gt;

[DE QUIBUS] &lt;45&gt;

Custus  
Neces-  
sarium.

Idem computat in denariis solutis pro necessariis dicti Computatoris causa officij sui huius anni vsitat[is et consuetis per annum] <46> . . . xx.s. Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . [vj.d.] Et in *[three or four words missing]* <47> emptis et datis diuersis armigeris valettis et aliis seruientibus domini infra abbatiam ad festa Natalis domini et [Pasche] <48> duodenum ad .xviij.d. hoc anno nichil. Et in oblacionibus diuersis secularibus [?] seruientibus abbacie<sup>2</sup> ad festum Natalis domini hoc anno nichil. <49> Et in pergameno et papiro emptis tam pro Rotulis Curiarum omnium Maneriorum predictorum quam pro extractis earundem et aliorum necessarium eidem officio <50> pertinencium siue tangencium inscribendis hoc anno . . . xviij.d. Et in stipendio vnus hominis capientis talpas in clausis <51> vocatis Cantockesclose et Marisco Canonicorum et in spargendas monticulas ibidem hoc anno . . . nichil. Et in falcacione herbagii <52> crescentis infra procinctum claustrii abbacie et in mundacione eiusdem ad .ij. vices hoc anno . . . iiij.d. Et vni laboratori <53> per dimidium diem in escuracione fossati clausi vocati Canonmershe hoc anno . . . [ij.d.] <54>

Summa . . . xxij.s. vj.d. &lt;55&gt;

p. II, 39-54.]

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Et de . . . xxvjs viijd receptis de firma pasture vocate Cantockes-  
close iuxta Bristoll' sic dimisse hoc anno Et de . . . <39> . . .  
xxvjs viijd receptis de herbagio proueniente de Ruanno post  
falcacionem pasture predicte sic vendito hoc anno Et de <40>  
. . . xxvjs viijd receptis de exitu secunde vesture<sup>1</sup> cuiusdam  
pasture vocate Cannonmershe post primam falcacionem eiusdem  
<41> sic vendite hoc anno <42>

Summa . . . iiij li <43>

cept'  
nsec'

Null' <44>

Summa . . . nulla <45>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXV.LI  
X.S <46> DE QUIBUS <47>

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IDEM computat in denariis solutis pro necessarijs dicti Computa-  
toris causa officij sui huius anni vsitatis et consuetis per annum  
. . . xxs Et <48> in pergameno empto proisto Compoto superscrib-  
endo hoc anno . . . vjd Et in pergameno et papiro emptis tam pro  
Rotulis <49> Curiarum omnium Maneriorum predictorum quam  
pro extractis earundem et aliis necessariis eidem officio pertinen-  
tibus siue tangentibus inscribendis hoc anno <50> . . . xxd Et in  
denariis solutis cuidam homini capienti talpas [ijs *above*] in  
clausis vocatis Cantockesclose et Marisco Canonicorum <51> et in  
spargendas monticulas [ijs *above*] ibidem hoc anno . . . iiijjs  
Et cuidam laboratori pro iij diebus circa fossatum Marisci hoc  
<52> anno . . . xijd <53>

Summa . . . xxvijs ijd <54>

<sup>1</sup> The first crop would seem to have been taken by the Chamberlain  
for his own horses, though he gives us no account of the quantity obtained;  
or it may be that it was put into the common stock rather than treated as  
specifically his.

<sup>2</sup> This is the only appearance of the word in our texts, and it is not  
certain: it is either "sclaribus" or "solaribus," the mark of abbreviation  
having been omitted; "soldaribus" is a conceivable reading. If it be  
"secularibus" it may refer to the clerks who accompanied the Chamberlain  
when he visited manors to hold Courts.

[fo. ii, 56-70.]

Custus  
equitatur'

Et in denariis solutis pro expensis dicti Camerarii equitantis ad diuersa Maneria infra tempus predictum per diuersas vices pro diuersis <56> visubus et Curiis<sup>1</sup> ad terminum sancti Michaelis hoc anno tenendis scilicet de denariis prouenientibus de Communibus finibus diuersorum Maneriorum <57> inferius videlicet asshelworth'. almondesbury. Berkeley. Blakesworth'. Crome hale. Fyfyhyde. videlicet ad Bruton' <58> in eundo et apud Bruton' in redeundo horfeld' lygh'<sup>2</sup> et Sarney sic in toto per tempus predictum hoc anno . . . lijs. vijd. ob <59> Et in consimilibus denariis solutis pro custubus et expensis dicti Camerarii equitantis ad eadem Maneria pro consimilibus visubus et Curiis [ad] <60> terminum de hock' infra tempus predictum tenendis vt supra. videlicet asshelworth' cum expensis apud Glouc' almondes[bury] <61> Berkeley Blakesworth' Crome hale Fyfyhyde cum expensis apud Bruton' in eundo et expensis ibidem in redeundo horefeld' <62> lygh' Rouburgh'<sup>3</sup> et Sarney et sic in toto per tempus predictum hoc anno . . . xlvj.s. vjd. ob Et in expensis dicti Camerarii et <63> famulorum suorum infra tempus predictum equitancium a Bristoll' vsque ad Maneria predicta et alia loca pro eisdem superindendis <64> et denariis per diuersos Ministros ibidem debitis de eisdem colligendis et leuandis hoc anno . . . .ij.s. iiij.d <65>

Summa . . . Cj.s. vjd &lt;66&gt;

Custus  
Stabuli.

Et computat in diuersis cellis et frenis emptis et reparatis ad vsum stabuli Camerarii predicti hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. j.d Et in ferrura <67> equorum dicti Camerarii per idem tempus hoc anno . . . xvij.s. viij.d. Et in pane equino et auenis emptis pro expensis dictorum <68> equorum infra tempus Compoti per diuersas vices hoc anno . . . nichil. quia de prouidencia communi.<sup>3</sup> <69>

Summa . . . xliij.s. ix.d &lt;70&gt;

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 41.<sup>2</sup> The omission of Rouburgh at this point is almost certainly accidental, since the Michaelmas Court was normally the most important of all.<sup>3</sup> The Cellarer [iii d., 43] only allows the Chamberlain's horses 4 bushels of oats, as against 4 quarters for the abbot's in 1491-92; and none at all in 1511-12, though the abbot's got 6 quarters [III d., 39]. It is possible that the Chamberlain was charged for the use of the abbey steeds and was not held to own any of his own, but this conflicts both with inherent probability and with his management of the pastures attached to the office.

II, 55-68.]

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Et in denariis solutis pro expensis dicti Camerarii equitantis ad diuersa Maneria infra tempus Compoti ad diuersas vices <55> pro diuersis visubus et Curiis<sup>1</sup> ad terminum sancti Michaelis hoc anno tenendis videlicet de denariis prouenientibus de communibus finibus diuersorum <56> Maneriorum inferius videlicet asshelworth' almondesbury Berkeley Blakesworth' Crome hale Fyfhide <57> videlicet apud Bruton' eundo et apud Bruton' in redeundo horefeld' lygh' Rouburgh' et Cerney sic in toto per <58> tempus predictum . . . lvs ixd Et in consimilibus denariis solutis pro custubus et expensis dicti Camerarii ad eadem <59> Maneria pro consimilibus visubus et Curiis ad terminum hock' infra tempus predictum tenendis vt supra videlicet <60> asshelworth' cum expensis apud Glouc' almondesbury Berkeley Blakesworth' Crome hale Fyfhide cum <61> expensis apud Bruton' eundo et redeundo horefeld' lygh' Rouburgh' et Cerney sic in toto per tempus predictum hoc <62> anno . . . liijs ijd Et in expensis domini abbatis [*sic*] et famulorum suorum equitancium infra tempus predictum a Bristoll' vsque <63> ad Maneria infrascripta et alia loca pro eisdem superindendis et denariis per diuersos Ministros ibidem debitis et ab eisdem <64> colligendis et leuandis hoc anno prout patet particulariter in quaterno dicti Camerarii super hunc Compotum in presencia <65> domini abbatis ostenso et examinato . . . nichil quia infra summas predictas <66>

Summa . . . Cixs xjd <67>

OFFICIUM CAMERARII <68>

IIId, 1-4.]

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Et in denariis solutis pro Cellis Frenis Capistris Singulis phaleris scancilibus ac aliis necessarijs prout plenius et <1> percellatim patet per billam coram auditoribus ostensam examinatam et probatam . . . xxxijs xjd Et in ferrura equorum <2> dicti Camerarii per idem tempus vna cum pocionibus et sanguinis fusione equorum hoc anno . . . xxixs xjd <3>

Summa . . . lxijs xd <4>

[fo. ii, 71-79.]

Stipendia  
famulorum.

Et in stipendio valetti dicti Camerarii ad .xxvj.s. viij.d per annum prout allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus hoc anno . . . xxvjs. viijd. <71> Et in stipendio Roberti Sparowe pagetti dicti Camerarii ad .xvj.s per annum hoc anno . . . xvj.s. Et in companagio dicti <72> pagetti ad cibum dicti Camerarii per idem tempus existentis ad .vj.d per septimanam hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. <73>

Summa . . . lxviij.s. viij.d &lt;74&gt;

Solucio ad  
officium  
anniuersar'.

Et in denariis solutis Fratri henrico Brugges Canonico dicti Monasterii Custodi anniuersariorum ibidem de exitu cuiusdam prati et <75> clausi vocati Cantockesclose ad dictum officium ex consuetudine assignato et vsitato per annum . . . xxxvj.s. <76>

Summa . . . xxxvj.s. &lt;77&gt;

Plus in dorso &lt;78&gt;

## OFFICIUM CAMERARII &lt;79&gt;

[fo. iid, 1-8.]

Custus feni.

Et in denariis solutis diuersis personis conductis ad terminum falcandi pratorum vocatorum Cantockesclose et Canonmershe hoc anno <1> . . . xxviij.s. Et in denariis solutis diuersis hominibus et mulieribus conductis pro feno dictorum pratorum spargendo vertendo et in <2> mullones faciendo et ingrangiando prout patet per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc Compotum examinatam et probatam hoc <3> anno . . . xvij.s. iij.d. <4>

Summa . . . xlv.s. iij.d. &lt;5&gt;

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De aliquibus denariis solutis preposito Manerij de lygh' super locionem et tonsionem multonarum domini hoc anno . nichil . causa patet in <6> Compoto Manerij de lygh hoc anno. Sed computat de denariis solutis Messori Manerij de lygh hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. viij.d <7>

Summa . . . xxvj.s. viij.d &lt;8&gt;

IId, 5-22.]

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Et in stipendio valetti dicti Camerarii ad xxvjs viijd per annum prout allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus . . . xxvjs viijd <5> Et in stipendio Iohannis Colyns pagetti dicti Camerarii ad xvjs per annum hoc anno . . . xvjs Et in companagio <6> dicti pagetti ad cibum dicti Camerarii per idem tempus existentis ad vjs per septimanam hoc anno . . . xxvjs <7>

Summa . . . lxxvijs viijd <8>

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Et in denariis solutis Fratri Iohanni howell' Canonico dicti Monasterii gerenti officium anniuersar' ibidem de exitu <9> cuiusdam prati et Clausi vocati Cantockesclose ad dictum officium ex consuetudine assignato et usitato per annum . . . xxxvjs <10>

Summa . . . xxxvjs <11>

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Et in denariis solutis diuersis personis conductis ad terminum falcandi pratorum vocatorum Cantockesclose et Cannonmershe hoc <12> anno . . . xviijs Et in denariis solutis diuersis hominibus et mulieribus conductis pro feno dictorum pratorum vertendo spargendo <13> et in mullones faciendo et ingrangiando prout patet per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc Computum examinatum et probatum <14> hoc anno . . . xlixs xd Et pro cariagio feni Marisci predicti vsque in orrium cum companagio . . . vs iiijd Et <15> pro cariagio lxxiiij trussarum feni a Cantockesclose vsque in orrium vna cum companagio et inhorriacione feni predicti hoc <16> anno . . . xjs xjd Et pro decima feni de Cantockesclose hoc anno . . . nichil <17>

Summa . . . iiij.li vs jd <18>

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seca

De aliquibus denariis solutis preposito Manerij de lygh' super locionem et tonsionem Multonarum domini hoc anno nichil causa patet <19> in Compoto suo Manerij de lygh' hoc anno Sed computat de denariis solutis Messori Manerij de lygh' predicti prout allocatum <20> est in Compotis precedentibus . . . xxvjs viijd <21>

Summa . . . xxvjs viijd <22>

[fo. iid, 9-30.]

Stipendium Et in denariis solutis Thome hastynges Subsenescallo domini  
Subsenescalli. abbatis hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. <9>

Summa . . . xxvj.s. viij.d <10>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM. . . . XVIIJ.LI.  
XJ.S. ET DEBENTUR. . . . XXXVIIJ.LI. IIIJS. <11> . . .  
.J.D. OB. De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . xvj.d  
de quibusdam amerciamentis super Iohannem <12> lygone<sup>1</sup>  
[xijd *above*] et Iohannem [iiijd *above*] huse in Curiis de Cromehale  
et Sarney hoc anno impositis et per dominum <13> abbatem super  
hunc Compotum perdonatis. Et ei . . . xls. solutis pro le  
velyme et pergameno emptis <14> pro libris ecclesie Monasterii  
predicti<sup>2</sup> inscribendis per mandatum domini abbatis assignatis  
hoc anno. Et ei . . . ij.s. <15> quos dominus abbas perdonauit  
super hunc compotum ad instanciam auditoris. Iohanni kaynell'  
de parte <16> amerciamenti super [ipsum *inserted above*] impositi  
in Curia de Fifhyde et inter arreragia in pede vltimi Compoti  
pendentis vltra alios .ij.s. inde <17> dicto Computatori solutos hoc  
anno. Et ei . . . vij.li. quas liberauit Fratri Iohanni Nuland'  
Thesaurario Monasterii predicti <18> super determinacionem huius  
Compoti sine tallio seu indentura ex recognicione eiusdem  
Thesaurarii hoc anno. Et ei . . . <19> . . . iiij.s. de diuersis  
consideracionibus per dominum abbatem post clausum huius  
Compoti hoc anno habitis. ET SIC DEBENTUR <20> . . .  
XXVIIJ.LI. XVJ.S. IX.D. OB. <21>

DE QUIBUS . <22>

Respectuantur. Ei . . . xiiij.s. de releuo post mortem Iohannis Dousy debito  
qui de dominio tenuit in feodo certas terras et tenementa <23>  
in Berkeley per seruicium Militare etc ET SIC DEBENTUR VLTRA  
RESPECTUANTUR . . . XXVIIJ.LI. IJ.S. IXD. [OB.] <24>

VNDE <25>

Super. . . .	{	Ricardum Chook Militem de amerciamento super ipsum imposito in Curia de <26> Cromehale in anno xxvij <sup>o</sup> proxime precedente <sup>3</sup> . . . <27>	}	. . . iiij.s. iiij.d
		Simonem Blount armigerum de huiusmodi amerciamento super ipsum imposito <28> in Curia de Sarney in anno x <sup>o</sup> proxime precedente <sup>4</sup> . . . <29>		
		Dictum Fratrem Thomam Grene supra Computatorem de arreragiis suis vt in precedente . . . xxvij.li xij.s. ix.d. ob. <30>		



fo. IId, 23-34.]

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subsenescalli

Et in denariis solutis Iohanni Mattheue Subsenescallo domini  
abbatis hoc anno prout allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus  
. . . xxvjs viijd <23>

Summa . . . xxvjs viijd <24>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXIJI  
IJS ET DEBENTUR . . . <25> . . . LXVIJS De quibus  
allocantur ei . . . xxvjs viijd de parte Finis <26> Thome  
Truelove in Curia de almondesbury hoc anno Et sic  
DEBENTUR . . . XLS IIIJD <27>  
VNDE <28>

Super. . . .

<p>{</p> <p>Iohannem Lygon'<sup>1</sup> de amerciamento super ipsum imposito in Curia de Cromehale in &lt;29&gt; anno xlvij<sup>3</sup> proxime precedente et pro hoc anno vjd &lt;30&gt; .. .. .</p> <p>Iohannem husee<sup>1</sup> Militem de huiusmodi amerciamento super ipsum imposito in Curia de &lt;31&gt; South Cerney in anno xxx<sup>o4</sup> proxime precedente et pro hoc anno . . . nichil &lt;32&gt;</p> <p>Dictum Computatorem de exitu officij sui huius anni &lt;33&gt; .. .. .</p> <p>}</p>	<p>}ixs xd</p> <p>}xjs</p> <p>}xixs vjd</p>
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<sup>1</sup> There were two manors at Cromhall, C. Abbots and C. Lygon; the entry suggests a minor conflict between the two. But the 1511-12 entry at line 30 conflicts with the earlier one, not only as to the date of the occurrence but also as to the "pardoning," a combination of disagreements which is difficult to resolve.

<sup>2</sup> These service books, as they must be from the description, should surely have been paid for by the Precentor? Is this an example of the abbot's power to control the expenditure of the obedientiaries?

<sup>3</sup> i.e. 1464-65. The Court of Cromehale was not afraid to impose a fine on the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, though it is not likely to have expected payment.

<sup>4</sup> i.e. 1481-82.

[fo. iii, 1-19.]

Officium  
Cellerarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'

COMPOTUS DOMINI IOHANNIS ABBATIS CELLERARII IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS HENRICI  
.VIJmi. SEPTIMO .VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM  
REGIS OCTAUO. <2>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . xx.s. receptis de arreragiis  
Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem  
etc <3>

Summa . . . xx.s. <4>

Vendicio  
brasij.

Et de . . . <sup>xx</sup>iiijxvj.li. xv.s. receptis de vendicione .CCCClix.qu.  
brasii hoc anno venditorum ad diuersa precia vnde <sup>xx</sup>iiij j .qu.  
vj . bu precio busselli <5> .vjd. et sic in toto .xvj li. vijs. Et  
CCC .qu. precio busselli .v.d qua.<sup>1</sup> sic in toto .lxij.li. x.s. Et  
xvqu. precio busselli .vj.d. ob qua sic in toto .lxvijs. vjd. <6>  
Et lxij. qu ij. bu. precio busselli vjd. et sic in toto .xiiij.li. x.s. vj.d  
vt extra hoc anno. <7>

Summa . . . <sup>xx</sup>iiij.xvj.li. xv.s. <8>

Vendicio  
panis et  
ceruisie.

Et de . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. receptis de quodam pistore ville Bristoll'  
pro secundo pastu post facturam panis Conuentialis sic <9>  
sibi vendito<sup>2</sup> per dictum Computatorem vt extra hoc anno De  
aliquo proficuo proueniente de ceruisia infra dictam abbatiam  
hoc anno <10> facta non reddit: eo quod ceruisia Conuentialis  
empta est in villa Bristoll' vt extra .qua de causa nulla huiusmodi  
ceruisia <11> infra abbatiam predictam facta fuit hoc anno. <12>

Summa . . . xxvj.s. viij.d <13>

Vendicio  
furfuris  
sigisterij et  
carbonum.  
. . .

Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione furfuris  
sigisterii siue carbonum in officio pistrine et brasine hoc anno.  
eo quod <14> nec panis nec ceruisia infra abbatiam predictam  
facta fuit hoc anno vt patet extra etc <15>

Summa . . . nulla. <16>

Recept'  
forinsec'.

Sed reddit de . . . x.s. receptis de willelmo hickes de parte firme  
sue de hull' pro iij. qu ordei precio busselli .v.d de eadem firma  
carentibus vt <17> patet per indenturam conuencionis sue vltra  
.xxvij. qu ordei liberata Cellerario Monasterii predicti hoc anno  
vt patet extra.<sup>3</sup> <18>

Summa . . . x.s. <19>

o. III, 1-17.]

Comptus Fratr̃s Roberti Elyot Cellerarii ibidem a festo  
Sancti Michaelis Archangeli Anno Regni <1> Regis Henrici  
Octavi Tercio vsque idem festum Anno Regni eiusdem Regis  
Quarto <2>

Nulla quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis predictus Computator recessit quietus prout patet in  
pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

Sed reddit de . . .  $\text{m}^{\text{xx}}\text{x}$  li xiijs de vendicione CCC $\text{m}^{\text{xx}}\text{viii}$  qu. iiij bu.  
brasij hoc anno venditorum precio busselli vijd <5> quarterij  
iijs vijd sic in toto . . .  $\text{m}^{\text{xx}}\text{x}$  li xiijs <6>

Summa . . .  $\text{m}^{\text{xx}}\text{x}$  li xiijs <7>

Et de . . . xxvjs vijd receptis de quodam pistore ville Bristoll'  
pro secundo pastu<sup>2</sup> post facturam panis Conuentualis sic sibi  
vendito <8> per dictum Computatorem vt extra hoc anno De  
aliquo proficuo proueniente de cereuisia infra abbatiam hoc anno  
facta non reddit eo quod <9> Cereuisia Conuentualis empta est in  
villa Bristoll' vt extra qua de causa nulla huiusmodi cereuisia  
infra abbatiam facta <10> fuit hoc anno <11>

Summa . . . xxvjs vijd <12>

De aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione furfuris Sigisterij  
siue carbonum in officio pistrine et brasine hoc anno non reddit  
eo <13> quod nec panis nec ceruisia infra abbatiam predictam  
facta fuit hoc anno vt patet extra <14>

Summa . . . nulla <15>

Null' <16>

Summa . . . nulla <17>

<sup>1</sup> This is clearly an error for 6½d.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. iii d., 52 sqq., and III d., 47 et seq. The baker received wheat from the Cellerar for the bread made by him under contract to the convent. His remuneration seems to have consisted solely of the right to buy, at a presumably cheap rate, the *secundus pastus* or coarser bread made from the flour remaining after the making of the conventual *Miches* bread.

<sup>3</sup> William Hickes' lease probably provided for this contingency by stating at what rate he was to pay for any deficiency.

[fo. iii, 20-38.]

Vendicio  
super  
compotum.

Et de . . . ob. recepto de vendicione dimidii panis Conuentualis  
hoc anno venditi vt patet extra super expensis frumenti furniti  
pro <20> Conuentu hoc anno.<sup>1</sup> <21>

Summa . . . ob. &lt;22&gt;

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS. . . . <sup>xx</sup> IIIJXIX.LI. XJ.S.

VIIJ.D. OB. &lt;23&gt;

DE QUIBUS . &lt;24&gt;

Empcio  
bladi.

Idem computat in Cl qu ij. bu et dimidio ordeï hoc anno emptis  
vt patet extra . vnde lxvj. qu . precio busselli .vd ob. et sic in  
toto .xij li ijs. <25> Et <sup>xx</sup>iiij. qu. ij. bu et dimidio precio busselli  
.vjd. sic in toto xvj.li. xvij.s. vd. ob plus in toto per .ijd ob et  
in toto hoc anno . . . <26> . . . xxvij.li. xix.s. v.d. ob.  
Et in xxxij. qu auenarum emptis hoc anno precio busselli iijd.  
quarterii .ij.s. . . .lxvj.s. <27>

Summa . . . xxxij.li. v.s. v.d. ob. &lt;28&gt;

Empcio  
ceruisie.

Et in denariis solutis cuidam pandoxatori ville Bristoll' pro  
.DCvj. duodenis et x lagenis [lagenis *repeated and erased*] bone  
ceruisie emptis pro expensis <29> omnium Canonicorum presbiter-  
orum et nouiciorum quorum nomina patent extra cum summis  
duodenarum predictarum precio cuiuslibet duodene .xij.d <30>  
hoc anno . . . xxx.li. vjs. xd.<sup>2</sup> Et in consimilibus denariis solutis  
pro portacione ceruisie nouiciorum predictorum hoc anno . . .  
iijs.<sup>3</sup> <31>

Summa . . . xxx.li. x.s. x.d. &lt;32&gt;

Custus  
cariagii

Et in denariis solutis willelmo hickes Firmario de hull' pro cariagio  
.ix. weiarum iij. quarteriorum frumenti et ordeï [.xxvij. qu *above*]  
abinde vsque Monasterium sancti <33> augustini Bristoll' sic ex  
certa conuencione cum eo facta per annum . . . ix.s. vj.d.  
Et Nicholao [Parker *inserted above*] pro cariagio .v. weiarum ij  
<34> quarteriorum frumenti [v qu vj bu *above*] et ordeï [xxvj qu  
*above*] a Clyuedon' per aquam Sabrine vsque baccam sancti  
augustini weia ad xijd. hoc anno . . . vs. iiijd <35> Et Iohanni  
lypeyate pro cariagio <sup>xx</sup>iiij. qu iij. bu frumenti et ordeï a Tykenham  
vsque granarium domi brasine infra Monasterium <36> predictum  
super dorsa equorum weia ad .ij.s. hoc anno . . . xxix.s. j.d.  
Et eidem Iohanni pro trituratione et ventilacione <37> granorum  
predictorum apud Tykenham [xjs *above*] et Clyuedon' [iijs *above*]

[fo. III, 18-35.]

Vendicio  
super  
Computum Et de . . . nichil recepto de vendicione vnus panis super  
Computum etc <sup>1</sup> <18>

Summa . . . nulla <19>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . .  $\text{III}^{\text{xx}}$  LX LI XIXS VIIJD <20>

DE QUIBUS <21>

Empcio  
bladi IDEM computat in empcione . . . xxxvj qu. iiij bu. frumenti  
precio busselli xijd quarterii viijs sic in toto . . . xiiij li xijs  
Et <22> in empcione . . . Cxxxij qu. iiij bu. ordei precio busselli  
vjd quarterii iijs sic in toto . . . xxvj li xs Et in empcione <23>  
. . . xvj qu. auenarum precio busselli ijd quarterii ijs sic in toto  
. . . xxxijs Et in . . . iij bu. fabarum emptis hoc anno <24>  
pro anniuersariis domini Roberti hardynge et domine Eve vxoris  
sue . . . xijd <25>

Summa . . . xliij li xvs <26>

Empcio  
Ceruise Et in . . . denariis solutis cuidam pandoxatori ville Bristoll'  
pro DCLxv duodenis x lagenis bone ceruisie emptis pro expensis  
<27> omnium Canonice presbiterorum et Nouiciorum quorum  
nomina extra cum summis duodenarum precio cuiuslibet duodene  
xijd hoc anno <28> . . . xxviij li vs xd <sup>2</sup> Et in consimilibus  
denariis solutis pro portacione ceruisie nouiciorum predictorum  
hoc anno . . . iijs <sup>3</sup> <29>

Summa . . . xxviij li ixvs xd <30>

Custus  
Cariagii Et in denariis solutis pro inhoriacione [sic] garbarum decimalium  
de Portebury hoc anno vna cum j hoggeshed' de Beere . . . <31>  
. . . lxxs Et pro inhoriacione garbarum decimalium de Tykenham  
hoc anno . . . xlijs viijd Et pro inhoriacione <32> garbarum  
decimalium de Clyvedon' hoc anno . . . xxiijs iiijd Et pro  
cariagio lix qu. ordei de Portebury hoc anno <33> . . . xixs viijd  
Et pro cariagio . lxxij qu. iiij bu. frumenti et ordei de Tykenham  
et Clyvedon' hoc anno . . . xxiijs ijd <34> Et Iohanni  
Netlyng'ham pro cariagio xli weiarum iij qu. frumenti et ordei

<sup>1</sup> The apparent meanness of this sale of half a loaf is inexplicable: equally strange is the entry for 1511-12.

<sup>2</sup> i.e.  $606 \times 12 + 10 = 7,282$  gallons at 7,282d. or 1d. a gallon. III. 27-29. The figures do not produce the total entered on the MS.: clearly a scribal error.

<sup>3</sup> Why only the novices' ale has this charge for carriage against it we cannot explain.

[fo. iii, 38-54.]

hoc anno . . . xiiij.s. Et Thome houper pro cariagio xij. weiarum  
 [iiijs *above*] <38> frumenti xxxvj. weiarum [xijs *above*] orde  
 et iiij. weiarum [xvjd *above*] auenarum a bacca sancti augustini  
 predicti vsque domum brasine predictam <39> weia ad .iiij.d. hoc  
 anno . . . xvij.s. iiij.d. Et in victualibus emptis pro expensis  
 laboratorum et aliorum eis adiuuancium <40> ad diuersas vices  
 hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d.<sup>1</sup> <41>

Summa . . . iiij.li. xxiiij.d <42>

Custus  
 neces-  
 sariorum.

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno  
 . . . vj.d. Et in .ij. batellis focalis prostrati per operarios in  
 grauiss <43> et boscis domini apud lygh' wode et deibidem vsque  
 baccam sancti augustini per batell' cariant' et de eadem bacca  
 vsque domum <44> brasine infra abbatiam cariant' pro brasio  
 ibidem siccando infra tempus predictum batell' ad .xiijs. iiij.d.  
 hoc anno . . . xxvjs viij.d <45> Et in .ij. duodenis candelarum  
 emptis pro expensis in dicto officio temporibus nocturnis hoc  
 anno . . . ijs. vjd.<sup>2</sup> Et vni viro et iij <46> mulieribus conductis  
 ad deportanda diuersa genera granorum de diuersis locis ad  
 diuersa loca infra domum brasine predictae ac pro granis <47> ad  
 diuersas vices infra tempus predictum ventilandis quilibet eorum  
 .xijd. hoc anno . . . iiij.s. Et in filo vocato Packethrede [jd *above*]  
 <48> ligaturis [jd *above*] scopis [jd *above*] et in emendacione  
 [viij.d *above*] cribrorum hoc anno . . . xj.d. Et in xxxij virgatis  
 panni cilicini emptis pro vstrina <49> domus brasine precio virg'  
 .v.d. vna cum acubus [jd *above*] ad vsum officij predicti emptis  
 hoc anno . . . xiiij.s. v.d.<sup>3</sup> <50>

Summa . . . xxviij.s.<sup>4</sup> <51>

Stipendium

Et [computat *inserted above*] in stipendio Iohannis lynke facientis  
 brasium infra abbatiam predictam hoc anno . . . xls. Et in  
 companagio eiusdem Iohannis <52> capientis qualibet septimana  
 .x.d. sic in toto per annum . . . xliijs. iiij.d <53>

Summa . . . iiij.li. iij.s. iiij.d <54>

[fo. III, 35-50.]

de Berkeley hull' et assshelworth' hoc anno <35> . . . xiijs xd  
Et diuersis hominibus conductis ad portanda dicta grana de  
scaphis vsque ad terram hoc anno . . . iijs vd <36><sup>1</sup>

Summa . . . ix li xvjs jd <37>

Custus  
neces-  
sariorum

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc  
anno . . . vjd Et pro ij batellis focalis prostrati per operarios  
in grauis et <38> boscis domini apud lygh'wode deinde vsque  
Baccam sancti augustini per batell' carciati et de eadem bacca  
vsque domum brasine infra <39> abbatiam carciati pro brasio inde  
siccando infra tempus predictum batell' ad xiijs iiijd hoc anno  
. . . xxvjs viijd Et in <40> ij duodenis candelarum emptis pro  
expensis in dicto officio temporibus nocturnis hoc anno . . . ijs<sup>2</sup>  
Et in denariis solutis iiijor hominibus <41> conductis ad  
deportanda diuersa genera granorum de loco ad locum infra  
domum brasine predictae ac pro granis ad diuersas vices infra <42>  
tempus predictum ventilandis quolibet eorum capiente inter se  
xij.d hoc anno . . . iijs Et in Filo vocato Packethrede [ijd *above*]  
ligaturis [jd *above*] <43> scopis [jd *above*] acubus [jd *above*] pisis  
[ijd *above*] et resina [ijd *above*] cepo [jd *above*] et lino emptis hoc  
anno . . . xd Et in ij nouis vangis emptis hoc anno . . . iiijd  
<44> Et in iiijor magnis Cribris [xvjd *above*] cum iiijor paruis  
Cribris [viijd *above*] hoc anno emptis . . . ijs Et in vj. duodenis  
panis equini emptis hoc <45> anno . . . vjs <46>

Summa . . . xlijs iiijd <47>

Stipendium

Et in stipendio Iohannis Euermonder facientis brasium infra  
abbatiam predictam . . . xls Et pro companagio eiusdem  
Iohannis capientis <48> qualibet septimana xd sic in toto hoc  
anno . . . xlijs iiijd <49>

Summa . . . iiij li iijs iiijd <50>

<sup>1</sup> Evidently the grain from Berkeley, Hill and Ashleworth was carted by road to the monastery and that from Tickenham was brought by pack-horse to the abbey's malthouse granary. But that from Clevedon came by water, *via* Severn and Avon, to Saint Augustine's Back, whence a fresh relay of porters carried it up to the granary.

<sup>2</sup> This entry may indicate the heavy cares of this office, or, as its position suggests, may be connected with the maltmaking, *e.g.* to light men sitting up to turn the drying malt at night.

<sup>3</sup> This list of "necessaries" emphasises the important position occupied by malt-making in the business of the Accountant; without this surviving home-industry he would have been little more than a housekeeper.

<sup>4</sup> This total should read xlvij.s.

[fo. iii, 55-69.]

Consuetudo. Et in quadam consuetudine dicti Computatoris pro suis necessariis  
causa officij sui vsitata per annum . . . xx.s. <55>

Summa . . . xx.s. <56>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM. . . . LXXIIJ.LI.

IX.S. VJ.D OB. ET DEBET. [sic] . . . <57> . . . XXVJ.LI. IJ.S.

IJ.D.

De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . xxviijs. <58>  
pro .vj. quarterijs brasij missis et datis Priori de sancta katerina  
iuxta waterford' in hibernia<sup>1</sup> per <59> mandatum domini abbatis  
hoc anno. Et ei . . . vj.d. soluti pro pane equino super  
expensis equorum <60> domini Episcopi wigorniensis infra  
Monasterium predictum existencium hoc anno. Et ei . . . xiijs.  
iiij.d. in regardo dato Thome <61> Symondes ex consideracione  
domini abbatis pro diligenti labore ipsius Thome attendentis  
in officio predicto hoc anno. Et <62> ei . . . iiij.d. diuersis  
consideracionibus per dominum abbatem super hunc com-  
potum habitis hoc anno. Et ei . . . xxiiij.li.<sup>2</sup> quas <63>  
liberauit Thesaurario Monasterii predicti super determinacionem  
huius Compoti ex recognicione eiusdem Thesaurarii hoc anno.  
ET SIC <64> DEBENTUR . . . XX.S. <65>

QUI SUNT. <66>

Super. . . . { Iohannem Evans filium et vnum executorum willelmi Evans }  
de parte debiti sui vt in Compoto anni <67> .xviij. precedentis  
vltra .xx.s. inde exoneratos per dominum abbatem vt patet  
ibidem etc . . . <68>

OFFICIUM CELLERARII. <69>

[fo. iiid, 1-4.]

Frumentum. INFRASCRIPUS COMPUTATOR reddit compotum de . . . xvij. qu.  
j. bu. ij. potellis frumenti receptis de remanentibus anni proximi  
precedentis. Et de . . . Clxxvj. qu. <1> vj .bu. frumenti receptis  
de exitu et prouidencia diuersorum Maneriorum et Rectoriarum  
Monasterio predicto pertinencium per manus prepositorum et  
Firmariorum <2> eorundem Maneriorum et Rectoriarum per  
diuersos tallios inter dictum Cellerarium et prefatos prepositos  
factos super hunc compotum examinatos vnde <3> per manum



[fo. III, 51-57.]

consuetudo Et in quadam consuetudine dicti Computatoris pro suis necessarijs  
causa officij sui predicti vsitata per annum . . . xxs <51>

Summa . . . xxs <52>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . <sup>xx</sup>iiiijviiij li  
vjs vjd Et <53> DEBENTUR . . . LXXIIJS IJD De quibus  
allocantur ei . . . vjs viiijd <54> pro victualibus emptis hoc  
anno Et SIC DEBENTUR . . . LXVJS VJD <55>

QUI SUNT <56>

Sup]er DICTUM computatorem de arreragijs suis huius anni [*MS torn*] <57>

<sup>1</sup> Another Victorine house, on the way to the Abbey estates in Ireland. There is no other mention of Ireland in the 1491-92 account, but see XIII d., 26 and 33.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. note 4, p. 125: there can only have been £22 available for the Treasurer.

[fo. iiii, 4-22.]

Iohannis longe appruatoris de asshelworth' hoc anno .nichil . quia ad firmam in denariis. Ricardi laurence balliui de <4> Berkeley lxxix. qu. ij. bu. willelmi hickes Firmarii de hull' .xxx. qu willelmi houper appruatoris de horefeld' <5> .xx. qu Thome webbe Firmarii de lygh' .xx. qu appruatoris de Portebury . nichil . Iohannis lypeyate appruatoris <6> de Tykenham .xxj. qu. vij. bu et eiusdem Iohannis appruatoris de Clyuedon' v. qu v. bu. Et de empcione vt <7> patet infra hoc anno . . . nichil. <8>

Summa . . . Ciiij<sup>xx</sup>xiiij. qu. vij. bu. dimidium. <9>

De quibus <10>

Idem computat liberasse Fratri henrico Brugges Elemosinario pro j tallio ex consueto hoc anno nichil. Et Refectorario abbacie predictae <11> ex consueto . . . j. qu. Et in pane furnito ad distribuendum pauperibus infra Monasterium predictum aduenientibus in die anniuersarii Roberti <12> hardynge fundatoris eiusdem Monasterii vna vice per annum . . . vij. bu. Et in consimili pane furnito ad distribuendum pauperibus <13> in die anniuersarii domine Eue vxoris dicti Roberti hardynge fundatoris Monasterii predicti vna vice per annum . . . iiij. bu et dimidium Et in <14> pane furnito ad distribuendum pauperibus tempore quadragesimali scilicet singulis diebus eiusdem temporis iiij. panes hoc <15> anno . . . j. qu. ij. bu. Et in distribucione facta in pane diuersis aduenientibus die Iouis in Cena domini infra tempus <16> predictum hoc anno . . . iiij. bu. potellum. Et in frumento expendendo per abbatem et eius Conuentum existentes in Infirmario die lune proximo post <17> festum assumptionis beate Marie virginis hoc anno . . . j. bu. Et in liberacione pro hospicio domini abbatis pro expensis suis et <18> famulorum suorum in hospicio suo existencium . necnon diuersorum generosorum Magnatorum et aliorum ad dictum hospiciu superuenientium <19> infra tempus huius Compoti . . . lx. qu Et in pane furnito pro expensis tocus Conuentus abbacie predictae et liberacione ad eandem <20> abbatiam pertinente infra tempus huius Compoti . . . iiij<sup>xx</sup>j. qu ij bu. iiij pot. Et in frumento liberato ad hospiciu pistillar'<sup>1</sup> domini abbatis <21> hoc anno . . . j. qu. Et in donis datis de elemosina domini abbatis Fratribus

[fo. IIIId, 1-8.]

[*Top of membrane torn right off and missing.*]

. . . . .] per annum [. . . . .] <1> [. . . . .] distribuendam  
 pauperibus tempore [. . . . .] <2> j qu. ij bu. Et in  
 distribucione facta in pane [. . . . .] <3> predictum  
 hoc anno . . . iiij bu. j potellum Et in frumento expenso per  
 abbatem et Conuentum [. . . . . *MS torn*] proxime post <4>  
 festum assumptionis beate Marie virginis hoc anno . . . j bu.  
 Et in liberacione pro hospicio domini abbatis pro expensis suis et  
 famulorum <5> suorum in hospicio suo existencium necnon  
 diuersorum generosorum magnatorum et aliorum ad dictum  
 hospiciū superueniencium infra tempus <6> huius Compoti . .  
 lxj qu. Et in pane furnito pro expensis tocius Conuentus abbacie  
 predictae et liberacionum ad eandem abbatiā <7> pertinencium  
 infra tempus huius Compoti . . . lxxv qu. iiij bu. dimidium  
 Et in donis datis de Elemosina domini abbatis iiijor ordinibus

<sup>1</sup> If this be the result of a confusion between *pastillar'* [little loaves] and *pist'* [the stem of many words connected with baking] this second "hospice" can be explained as of the same type as the well-known one at St. Cross, Winchester, where bread and ale are given to casual wayfarers. It was already in decay, for 1 quarter of wheat is a small allowance, and it has disappeared altogether by 1511-12.

[fo. iiid, 22-38.]

mendicantibus et Monialibus sancte Marie <22> Magdalene<sup>1</sup> hoc anno per mandatum domini abbatis . . . ij. qu. iiij. bu. Et in vendicione super compotum hoc anno . nichil <23>

Summa . . . Cxlix .qu. ij. pot. <24> { Et remanent xliiij. qu. vij. bu. vnde super Fratrem Thomam/ lee<sup>3</sup> .viiij. qu. vij. bu. et dictum Computatorem .xxxvj. qu.

Siligo.

Nulla.

Ordeum.

Et de . . . CCxxv. qu. vj. bu. ordei receptis de consimili providencia de exitu superius in titulo frumenti recitato per dictum <25> Cellerarium vnde per manum Iohannis longe appruatoris de asshelworth' .nichil . quia ad firmam in denariis Ricardi laurence <26> balliui de Berkeley .xixxvj. qu. ij. bu. willelmi hickes Firmarii de hull' .xxvj. qu. willelmi houer appruatoris de <27> horefeld' nichil . Firmarii de lygh' . nichil. appruatoris de Portbury .lx. qu. appruatoris de Tykenham .lxv. qu. iiij. bu. <28> appruatoris de Clyuedon' .xxvj. qu. Et in empcone vt patet infra hoc anno . . . Cl. qu. ij. bu. et dimidium . <29>

Summa . . . CCCcxvj. qu. et ij. pot. { Que comp' in brasio fuso vt inferius <30> Et eque <31>

Pise virides.

Et de . . . j. qu. pisarum viridium recepto de exitu personatus de Portbury hoc anno vt patet in Compoto eiusdem Manerij hoc <32> anno . <33>

Summa . . . j. qu. &lt;34&gt;

{ Quod &lt;35&gt;

Computat liberasse Fratri Roberto Elyot Coquinario Monasterii predicti pro expensis Conuentus tempore quadragesime<sup>4</sup> etc <36>

Fabe et puls'. NULL'

Summa que supra. &lt;37&gt;

{ Et eque &lt;38&gt;

<sup>1</sup> The house on St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, founded by the Lady Eve, wife of Robert FitzHarding.

<sup>2</sup> Missing corn account for 1511-12. From IIIId, 10, 11, we see that the full amount of corn (= *frumentum*) passing through the Cellerar's hand in 1511-12 was (143 qu. 2 bu. 1 pot.) + (1 qu. 4 bu.) = 144 qu. 6 bu. 1 pot. As 36 qu. 4 bu. was bought this same year, the quantity provided by Manors and Rectories must have been 108 qu. 2 bu. 1 pot.

<sup>3</sup> Nothing more is known of this canon, who had presumably been Cellerar fairly recently, though why his balance of wheat was not available as *de providencia* is not easy to guess.

<sup>4</sup> From the Kitchener's account [22 & 49] it appears that the once green peas were used for "potagium" in Lent. Most vegetables seem to have gone into pottage in their various seasons, but especially peas and beans.

[fo. IIIId, 9-33.]

mendicantibus et Monialibus beate Marie Magdalene<sup>1</sup> hoc anno  
per mandatum domini abbatis . . . ij qu. iiij bu. <9>

Summa . . . Cxliij qu. ij bu. j potellum <10>

Et remanent . . . j qu. iiij bu.<sup>2</sup> <11>

Billigo

NULLA <12>

Ordeum

Sed computat de CCxvij qu. ij bu. ordeï receptis de consimili  
prouidencia de exitu superius in titulo frumenti recitato per <13>  
dictum Cellerarium Vnde per manum Thome longe appruatoris  
de asshelworth' nichil causa preallegata Iohannis Spynner <14>  
Balliui de Berkeley lxiiij qu. Firmarii de hull' xxxvj qu. appruatoris  
de Portebury lix qu. appruatoris de <15> Tykenham xlij qu. iij bu.  
appruatoris de Clyvedon' xv qu. vij bu. Et de empcone vt patet  
infra hoc anno . . . Cxxxij <16> qu. iiij bu. <17>

Summa . . . CCCxlix qu. vj bu. <18>

{ Que computat in brasio fuso vt inferius <19>  
Et eque <20>

Pise virides

Et de . . . j qu. pisarum viridium recepto de exitu personatus  
de Portebury hoc anno vt patet in Compoto eiusdem Manerij  
hoc anno <21>

Summa . . . j qu. <22>

Quod <23>

Computat liberasse Fratri Nicholao Chapell' Coquinario Monasterii  
predicti pro expensis Conuentus tempore quadragesimali <24>

Summa que supra <25>

Et eque <26>

Fabe et  
pulset'

Et de . . . iij bu. fabarum et pulset' receptis de empcone vt  
patet infra hoc anno <27>

Summa . . . iij bu. <28>

Que <29>

Computat liberasse vt in distribucione facta pauperibus tempore  
quadragesimali pro animabus fundatorum Monasterii predicti hoc  
anno <30> iij bu. <31>

Summa que supra <32>

Et eque <33>

[fo. iiid, 39-57.]

auene.

Sed reddit de . . . iiij qu. iiij bu. auenarum receptis de consimili prouidencia de exitu superius in titulo frumenti recitato vnde per <39> manum Ricardi laurence balliui de Berkeley iiij. qu. iiij bu. Firmarii de hull' hoc anno nichil quia infra firmam <40> suam. Et in empcone vt patet infra hoc anno . . . xxxiiij. qu <41>

Summa . . . xxxvij. qu. iiij. bu. { De quibus <42>

Idem computat in prebenda equorum domini abbatis hoc anno . . . iiij qu. Et in prebenda equorum Camerarii Monasterii predicti hoc <43> anno . . . iiij bu.<sup>1</sup> Et in expensis equorum diuersorum generosorum Ministrorum balliuorum certorum Maneriorum huius Monasterii <44> aceciam aliorum extraneorum illuc ad diuersas vices infra tempus huius Compoti superueniencium hoc anno <45> . . . .xxx.iiij. qu. <46>

Summa que supra <47> { Et eque <48>

Brasium.

Et de . . . CCCcxvj. qu. ij. pot. brasij receptis de ordeo superius fuso hoc anno. Et de . . . xxxiiij. qu. brasij receptis <49> de incremento mesure super facturam eiusdem hoc anno. <50>

Summa . . . CCCclix. { Que computat in vendicione } Et eque  
qu. ij. pot { vt/patet infra hoc anno/ } <51>

Panis vocati  
Miches

Et de . . . ix. Mille.Cxj panes [sic] vocat' Miches<sup>2</sup> recept' de optimo pastu proueniente de exitu supradictorum .iiij. j. qu ij bu iiij. pot. frumenti <52> superius furnit' per quendam pistorem ville Bristoll' pro expensis tocius Conuentus ac pro liberacionibus ad dictam abbatiam <53> pertinentibus hoc anno. qui quidem pistor reddit pro quolibet bussello .xiiij. panes vltra vj. panes de secundo pastu per quamlibet septimanam <54> sic sibi venditos. per annum per dictum Computatorem vt per conuencionem inter eum et dictum pistorem factam prout patet infra <55> sic de quolibet quarterio Cxij. panes <56><sup>3</sup>

Summa . . . ix. Mille.Cxj. panes { De quibus <57>

<sup>1</sup> Cf. note 3, p. 114.

<sup>2</sup> v. Intr., p. 57.

<sup>3</sup> There is no mention of the corn being ground, though we should have expected a statement that the baker was compelled by his agreement to take it to Trivel Mills.

[fo. IIIId, 34-52.]

auene

Et de nichil auenarum receptarum de consimili prouidencia de exitu superius in titulo frumenti recitatis Vnde per manum Iohannis Spynner <34> balliui de Berkeley nichil Firmarii de hull' nichil hoc anno quia infra firmam suam Et in empcone vt patet infra hoc <35> anno . . . xvj qu. <36>

Summa . . . xvj qu. <37>

De quibus <38>

Idem computat in prebenda equorum domini abbatis hoc anno . . . vj qu. Et in prebenda equorum Camerarii Monasterii predicti hoc <39> anno . . . nichil<sup>2</sup> Et in expensis equorum diuersorum generosorum ministrorum balliuorum certorum Maneriorum huius Monasterii aceciam aliorum extraneorum <40> illuc ad diuersas vices infra tempus huius Compoti superueniencium hoc anno . . . x qu. <41>

Summa que supra <42>

Et eque <43>

Brasium

Et de . . . CCCxlix qu. vj bu. brasii receptis de ordeo superius fuso hoc anno Et de . . . xxxviiij qu. vj bu. <44> brasii receptis de incremento mesure super facturam eiusdem hoc anno <45>

Summa . . . CCC<sup>xx</sup>iiij qu. iiij bu. <46>

Panes vocati  
Miches<sup>2</sup>

Et de . . . vij Mille CCCCLxiiij panibus hoc anno receptis de optimo pastu proueniente de exitu supradictorum lxxv qu. iiij bu. dimid' frumenti <47> superius furniti per quendam pistorem ville Bristoll' pro expensis tocius Conuentus ac pro liberacionibus ad dictam abbatiam pertinentibus <48> hoc anno qui quidam pistor reddit pro quolibet bussello xiiij panes vltra vj panes de secundo pastu per quamlibet septimanam sic sibi venditos <49> per annum per dictum Computatorem vt per Conuencionem inter eum et dictum pistorem factam prout patet infra sic de quolibet quarterio <50> Cxij panes <51><sup>3</sup>

Summa . . . viij Mille CCCCLxiiij panes <52>

[fo. iiid, 58-72.]

Idem computat in pane liberato Iohanni Martyn' Priori et Thome Grene Suppriori quorum vterque capit per septimanam xj panes <58> hoc anno . . . Mille Cxliiij. panes Et henrico Brugges Iohanni Dynham Thome Clerk willelmo hobbes willelmo <59> Grekelade et Roberto Elyot Canonicis et presbiteris ibidem pro sustentacione eorum quorum quilibet percipit qualibet <60> septimana x. panes et dimidium . . . iijMilleCClxxvj. panes Et Iohanni Piers Iohanni howell' Iohanni Gyles willelmo <61> Bradeford' willelmo Osewald' Iohanni halle Nicholao Chapell' et willelmo wynter' nouicijs quorum quilibet capit per <62> septimanam .vij. panes sic per annum . . . ij.Mille.DCCCCxij panes. Et henrico Griffith' presbitero per xviiij. septimanas hoc <63> anno . . . Ciiij. panes. Et eidem henrico hoc anno mortuo per xxx dies post obitum suum prout moris est <64> capienti per diem j. panem . . . xxx panes Et presidenti in Refectorio existenti prout moris est<sup>3</sup> infra Monasterium predictum <65> capienti per singulas ebdomodas vj panes . . . CCCxij. panes. Et Conuentui pro suis jantaculis<sup>6</sup> prout moris est infra <66> Monasterium predictum capienti per singulas ebdomodas .xij. panes . . . DCxxiiij panes Et Refectorario<sup>6</sup> ibidem qui pro tempore fuerit de <67> huiusmodi pane sibi assignato vltra panem suum cotidianum causa dicti officij sui capienti singulis ebdomodis vj panes . . . <68> . . . CCCxij panes Et ij Clericis Conuentus infra ecclesiam<sup>7</sup> dicti Monasterii capientibus inter se per quamlibet septimanam v. panes . . . CClx panes. <69> Et elemosinario dicte abbacie ad distribuendum pauperibus quolibet die veneris per annum . . . lij. panes Et in vendicione supe <70> compotum vt infra hoc anno . . . dimidium panis. <71>

Summa que supra { Et eque <72>

<sup>1</sup> From XIII. 28 we learn why this Canon was not in full residence in 1511-12. He was studying at Paris University. This same John Smart was later notorious as Abbot of Wigmore, another Victorine house, from 1518-38 *v.* Note 5, Appendix I.

<sup>2</sup> Fr. William Lucas was a student at Oxford (or possibly at Paris) during the rest of this year, *v.* XIII, 28.

<sup>3</sup> At Barnwell the "president" was the Abbot, the Prior, or the Sub-Prior, *v.* *Observances of Barnwell*, ed. Clark, Ch. 31.

<sup>4</sup> *Conuersi*, *i.e.* lay brethren.

<sup>5</sup> This entry shows the close connection between these neighbouring Victorine houses, cf. *Intr.*, p. 8.



[fo. III d, 53-68.]

Idem computat in pane liberato Roberto Elyot Priori willelmo Grekelade Suppriori quorum vterque capit per septimanam xj panes hoc <53> anno . . . Mille Cxliiij panes Et Fratribus Iohanni howell' Nicholao Chapell' willelmo wynter henrico Pavy willelmo Burton' <54> willelmo Fylle et Iohanni welle Canonicis et presbiteris ibidem pro sustentacione sua quorum quilibet capit qualibet septimana x panes <55> et dimidium . . . iij Mille DCCCxxij panes Et Fratri Iohanni Smart<sup>1</sup> presbitero per xx septimanas hoc anno . . . CCx panes Et Fratribus <56> Thome Scansby Thome Page et Iohanni Cary nouiciis quorum quilibet capit per septimanam vij panes sic per annum . . . <57> . . . Milleiiijxij panes Et Fratri Iohanni Gyles vt Nouicio per xxvij septimanas hoc anno . . . Ciiijix [panes] Et Fratri willelmo lucas<sup>2</sup> <58> nouicio per xxxix septimanas hoc anno . . . CCxxiiij panes Et willelmo wryngton' et Morganno lewellyn' Conuersis<sup>4</sup> <59> per vj septimanas hoc anno . . . iijiiij panes Et Fratribus Iohanni Beese [xxx above] Iohanni Berwyke [xxx above] et Thome Carpynter [xxx above] Canonicis <60> de keynesham hoc anno defunctis per xxxti dies post obitum suum prout mos est . . . iijix panes<sup>5</sup> Et presidenti in <61> Refectorio existenti<sup>3</sup> prout mos est infra Monasterium predictum capienti pro singulis ebdomadis vj panes . . . CCCxij panes Et Conuentui <62> pro suis Iantaculis<sup>6</sup> prout mos est infra Monasterium predictum capienti pro singulis ebdomadis xij panes . . . DCxxiiij panes Et Refectorario <63> ibidem qui pro tempore fuerit de huiusmodi pane sibi assignato vltra panem suum cotidianum causa dicti officii sui capienti singulis <64> ebdomodis vj panes . . . CCCxij panes Et ij Clericis Conuentus infra abbatiam<sup>7</sup> Monasterii predicti capientibus inter se per quamlibet septimanam v <65> panes . . . CClx panes Et Elemosinario abbatie predicte ad distribuendum pauperibus quolibet die veneris per annum . . . liij. [panes] Et <66> in vendicione super compotum vt infra . . . nichil <67>

Summa . . . viij Mille CCCCLxiiij panes <68>

<sup>6</sup> These *jantacula* may have been the regular *prandia* or midday meal corresponding with the continental *déjeuner*. But they may have been the light refreshments taken at *Collation*, which seem to have been common to most monasteries, but for which no special provision is made in these Rolls unless it be here and at III d., 81.

<sup>7</sup> v. Intr., p. 65.

[fo. iiid, 73-89.]

**Ceruisia.**

De aliqua ceruisia infra abbatiam hoc anno facta non reddit eo quod brasium vnde huiusmodi ceruisia fieri debuisset venditum fuit <73> hoc anno vt patet infra Tamen solebat reddere de quarterio brasii .iiij. duodenas et ix. lagenas<sup>1</sup> melioris ceruisie et xx lagenas secunde <74> ceruisie super facturam eiusdem vt patet in Compoto lvij precedente . Sed reddit de . . . DCvj. duodenis et x. lagenis ceruisie receptis de <75> empcone in villa Bristoll' vt infra pro Canonicis predictis et aliis liberacionibus vt inferius hoc anno. <76>

Summa . . . DCvj duodene et x lagene <77>

{ De quibus <78>

Idem computat liberasse predictis Priori et Suppriori vtroque eorum capienti per septimanam j. duodenam sic per annum . . . Ciiij. duodenas . Et predicto henrico <79> Brugges et .v. fratribus suis superius nominatim recitatis Canonicis et presbiteris quorum quilibet capit per septimanam x. lagenas fac' per annum <80> xliij. duodenas et iiij. lagenas sic in toto inter se . . . CClx. duodenas. Et Iohanni Piers et vij nouicijs superius similiter recitatis <81> quorum quilibet capit per septimanam vj. lagenas fac' per annum. . . . CCviiij duodenas. Et henrico Gryffyth' presbitero per xvij. septimanas hoc anno <82> . . . xv. duodenas. Et eidem henrico hoc anno mortuo per xxx. dies post obitum suum prout moris est capienti per diem j lagenam . . . ij <83> duodenas et vj. lagenas. Et prefatis Canonicis pro suis jantaculis capientibus per singulas ebdomodas iiij. lagenas fac' per annum . . . xvij. duodenas .vj lagenas <84>

Summa que supra { Et eque <85>

**Furfur'**

De aliquo proficuo proueniente de furfure de exitu predictorum . iiij.j.qu. ij.bu. iiij.pot. frumenti superius pro expensis dicti Conuentus et aliorum infra dictum <86> tempus huius Compoti furniti non reddit eo quod pertinet pistori predicto per conuencionem suam cum secundo pastu sibi vendito et tam <87> superius quam infra plenius annotatur. Tamen solebat reddere de quolibet quarterio .j.bu. <88>

Summa . . . nulla <89>

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 45.

[fo. IIIId, 69-84.]

Ceruisia De aliqua ceruisia infra abbatiam hoc anno facta non reddit eo quod brasium vnde huiusmodi Ceruisia fieri debuisset venditum fuit hoc <69> anno vt patet infra Tamen solebat reddere de quarterio brasii iiij duodenas ix lagenas<sup>1</sup> melioris ceruisie et xx lagenas secunde ceruisie <70> super facturam eiusdem vt patet in Compoto anni lxxv [sic] precedentis Sed reddit de D<sup>c</sup>lxxv duodenis x lagenis bone ceruisie receptis de <71> empcone in villa Bristoll' vt infra pro Canonicis predictis et aliis liberacionibus vt inferius hoc anno <72>

Summa . . . D<sup>c</sup>lxxv duodene x lagene <73>

Idem computat liberasse predictis Priori et Suppriori quorum vterque capit per septimanam j duodenam sic per annum . . . Ciiij duodenas Et <74> predictis vij presbiteris superius nominatim recitatis quorum quilibet capit x lagenas sic per annum inter se . . . CCCiiij duodenas iiij <75> lagenas Et Fratri Iohanni Smart presbitero per xx septimanas hoc anno . . . xvj duodenas viij lagenas. Et predictis iiij Nouicijs <76> superius nominatim recitatis quorum quilibet capit per septimanam vj lagenas sic in toto . . . lxxviij duodenas Et Fratri Iohanni Gyles vt <77> nouicio per xxvij septimanas hoc anno . . . xiiij duodenas vj lagenas Et Fratri willelmo lucas nouicio per xxxix septimanas hoc <78> anno . . . xix duodenas vj lagenas Et willelmo wryngton' et Morganno lewellyn' Conuersis per vj septimanas hoc anno . . . vj duodenas <79> Et pro dictis tribus Canonicis de keynesham hoc anno defunctis per xxxti dies post obitum suum prout mos est . . . vij <80> duodenas vj lagenas Et prefatis Canonicis pro suis Iantaculis capientibus singulis ebdomodis iiij lagenas et sic in toto per annum <81> . . . xvij duodenas iiij lagenas <82>

Summa que supra <83>

Et eque <84>

[fo. iiid, 90-95.]

Sigisterium' Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo de sigisterio in domo brasine super facturam ceruisie .eo quod nulla huiusmodi ceruisia in abbatia <90> predicta hoc anno facta fuit vt superius plene patet. <91>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;92&gt;

Carbones' Nec reddit de aliquibus quarterijs siue busshellis carbonum proueniencium de officio pistrine et brasine eo quod nec panis nec ceruisia <93> ibidem facta fuit vt supra hoc anno <94>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;95&gt;

## Note on GRAIN PRICES.

The grain prices given in the Abbey Accounts can be compared with the averages given by Thorold Rogers' *History of Agriculture and Prices*, Vol. IV, pp. 247, 252, 286, 288.

	T.R. 1491. s. d.	T.R. 1492. s. d.	Abbey Accts. 1491-92. s. d.	T.R. 1511. s. d.	T.R. 1512. s. d.	Abbey Accts. 1511-1512. s. d.
Wheat (per qr.) ..	6 7½	4 3	6 8 <sup>1</sup>	5 8½	9 1½	{ 6 8 <sup>1</sup> } 8 0
Barley (per qr.) ..	3 7	4 0	{ 3 8 } 4 0	3 1½	—	4 0
Oats (per qr.) ..	2 0	1 4	2 0	1 5½	—	2 0
Rye (per qr.) ..	4 4	2 0	—	5 4	—	—

[<sup>1</sup> This was the price at which the Almoner sold the 15 qu. which he received from the Cellarer and it may have been a special low price.]

If Thorold Rogers' averages, based on data drawn chiefly from eastern counties, are at all applicable in the Bristol area it would seem that in 1491-92 the Cellarer bought his wheat and oats and some of his barley in '91 and the rest of his barley less profitably in '92, while in 1511-12 the Almoner sold his wheat in 1511, but the Cellarer bought his in 1512 which was a year of bad harvests and high prices. As the prices paid by the abbey for barley and oats in 1511-12 are much higher than the 1511 prices it seems likely that these supplies also were bought in the more expensive year. The fact that no rye was bought by the abbey in either year suggests that no rye bread, the main food of the common people, was consumed in the abbey even in years when wheat was dear.

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[fo. IIIId, 85-86.]

Furfur  
Sigisterium  
Carbones

Null' <85>

Summa . . . nulla <86>

[fo. iv, 1-16.]

Officium  
Coquinarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS ROBERTI ELYOT COQUINARII IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS HENRICI  
.VIJmī. SEPTIMO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM  
REGIS .V[II]° <2>

arreragia

NULLA. quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis predictus Computator recessit quietus etc <3>

Summa . . . nulla. <4>

Exitus  
curtillagii.

De aliquo proficuo proveniente de vnus gardini vocati Curteyn'  
ad dictum officium pertinentis cum nucibus auelanis et nucibus  
de <5> Filberdes in eodem gardino crescentibus non reddit hic eo  
quod omnia huiusmodi proficua gardini predicti capta sunt ad  
<6> solacionem domini abbatis et Conuentus hoc anno <7>

Summa . . . nulla <8>

Recepcio  
denariorum

Sed reddit compotum de . . . lxvijli. xvjs. viijd. receptis de  
Fratre Iohanne Nulande Thesaurario Commune Monasterii sancti  
augustini Bristoll' <9> super expensas Coquine omnium Canon-  
icorum missas celebrancium et nouiciorum infra idem Monasterium  
in Conuentu existencium <10> pro eorum sustentacione in  
victualibus carniū et piscium ac aliorum pro expensis dicti  
Conuentus per dictum tempus huius <11> Compoti videlicet . pro  
viij. presbiteris per vnum annum integrum et henrico Griffith'  
presbitero per xv. septimanas [xxxs xd *above*] et iij. dies. ac  
eodem <12> henrico hoc anno mortuo per xxx. dies [viij. vjd *above*]  
facientes .iiij. septimanas .et ij. dies. sic pro quolibet Canonico  
presbitero per septimanam .ij.s. <13> et pro .viij. nouicijs per  
vnum annum integrum. sic pro quolibet nouicio per septimanam  
.xiiij.d. atting' inter se .xliij.li. xj.s. iiij.d. <14> xxiiij.li. v.s. iiij.d.  
vltra panem ceruisiam et vinum per eundem Conuentum  
expendendos de providencia Commune dicte abbacie <15> vt  
patet in Compoto Cellerarii et aliorum Officiariorum eiusdem

[*fo.* IV, 1-13.]

Officium  
Coquinarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristol'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS NICHOLAI CHAPELL' COQUINARII IBIDEM A  
FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS  
HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI  
EIVSDEM REGIS QUARTO <2>

arreragia

NULLA quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis predictus Computator recessit quietus prout patet in  
pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

Exitus  
Gardini

Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de exitibus gardini  
vocati le Curteyn' ad dictum officium pertinentis cum nucibus  
auelanis nucibus <5> de Fylberdes in eodem gardino crescentibus  
non reddit quia huiusmodi proficua capta sunt ad solacionem  
domini abbatis et Conuentus hoc anno <6>

Summa nulla <7>

Recepcio  
denariorum

Sed computat de . . . lv li xviijs receptis de Fratre Iohanne  
Nuland' Thesaurario huius Monasterii super expensas Coquine  
omnium <8> Canonicorum missas celebrancium et Nouiciorum  
infra dictum Monasterium in Conuentu existencium pro eorum  
sustentacione in victualibus carnum <9> et piscium et aliis  
expensis dicti Conuentus per tempus huius Compoti videlicet pro  
ix presbiteris per vnum annum integrum sic pro quolibet <10>  
Canonico presbitero ijs atting' inter se xlvj li xvjs Et pro iij  
Nouicijs per vnum annum integrum sic pro quolibet Nouicio <11> per  
septimanam xiiij d atting' inter se ad ix li ijs vltra panem ceruisiam  
et vinum per eundem Conuentum expensos de prouidencia  
Commune <12> dicte abbacie vt patet in Compoto Cellerarii ac

[fo. iv, 16-31.]

Communis allocatos et vltra denarios de participacione Conuentus pro <16> suo salario<sup>1</sup> alibi assignatos et solutos. ac focale pro expensis eiusdem Conuentus. et certa alia specificata in diuersis titulis <17> inferius pro dicto Conuentu necessaria que persoluuntur per Recept' Commune dicti Conuentus ex constitutione et ordinacione inde <18> in certo hactenus facta et vsitata. sicut ibidem continetur. vt patet per ij. tallios inde inter dictum Thesaurarium et Coquinarium <19> factos. et super hunc compotum examinatos etc. <20>

Summa . . . lxvij.li. xvj.s. viij.d. <21>

Portebury

Et de . . . vj.s. viij.d receptis de precio vnus quarterij pisarum viridium precio busselli x.d. hoc anno<sup>2</sup> <22>

Summa . . . vjs. viij.d <23>

Exitus  
officij.

De aliquo proficuo proueniente de corijs boum vitulorum et pellibus multonarum ac capriolarum<sup>3</sup>. necnon de lana et cepo de exitu <24> reprise lardarii et necacione super expensis dicti Conuentus facienda non reddit hic eo quod nulle empciones de huiusmodi <25> auerijs fuerunt vllo modo facte quia omnia victualia dictarum expensarum Conuentus fuerunt empta in particulis singulis <26> diebus secundum expensas Cotidianas accidentes infra tempus huius Compoti. prout plenius patet infra Titulos diuersorum <27> victualium vt inferius etc <28>

Summa . . . nulla <29>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . .LXVIJ. LI. IIJ.S. IIIJ.D. <30>

DE QUIBUS. <31>

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 76.

<sup>2</sup> v. note 4, p. 130 and line 49 of this account. The peas are entered on both sides of the account in an awkward attempt to record what [cost nothing.

<sup>3</sup> sic.



[fo. IV, 13-31.]

aliorum Officiariorum eiusdem commune allocatos Et vltra denarios de participacione <13> Conuentus pro suo salario<sup>1</sup> sibi assignatos et solutos ac focale pro expensis eiusdem Conuentus et cetera alia specificata in diuersis titulis <14> inferius pro dicto Conuentu necessaria que persoluuntur per Receptum [sic] Commune dicti Conuentus ex constitutione inde incerto hactenus facta et <15> vsitata sicut ibidem continetur prout patet per quandam billam indentatam inter dictum Thesaurarium et Coquinarium factam et super hunc <16> Compotum examinatam Et de . . . xls receptis pro Fratre Iohanne Smart presbitero per xx septimas hoc anno . . . // . . . [sic] Et de . . . <17> . . . xxxjs vjd receptis pro Fratre Iohanne Gyles hoc anno vt Nouicio per xxvij septimas . . . // . . . Et de . . . <18> . . . xlvs vjd receptis pro Fratre willelmo lucas nouicio per xxxix septimas hoc anno. Et de . . . xiijs receptis pro Fratribus willelmo <19> 'wryngton' et Morganno Conuersis hoc anno per vj. septimas . . . Et de . . . xxv.s vjd receptis pro tribus Fratribus Canonicis <20> de keynesham hoc anno defunctis per xxxta dies post obitum suum secundum antiquam consuetudinem etc <21>

Summa . . . lxij li xiijs vjd <22>

Portebury Et de . . . vjs viijd receptis de precio vnus quarterij pisarum viridium precio busselli xd hoc anno <23><sup>2</sup>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <24>

Exitus  
Officij De aliquo proficuo proueniente de corrijs [sic] boum vitulorum et pellibus multonarum ac Capriolorum necnon de lana et cepo de exitibus reprisibus <25> lardarii et necasione [sic] super expensis dicti Conuentus facienda non reddit hic eo quod nulle empciones de huiusmodi avariis fuerunt vllo modo <26> facte quia omnia victualia dicti Conuentus fuerunt empti in particulis singulis diebus secundum expensas cotidianas accidentes infra tempus huius <27> Compoti prout plenius patet infra titulos diuersorum victualium vt inferius <28>

Summa . . . nulla <29>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . LXIIJ LI XIIIJD <30>

DE QUIBUS <31>

[fo. iv, 32-48.]

Empcio  
victualium

Idem computat in carne boum vitulorum ouium porcorum piscium salsorum et recentium ac ouis et alijs victualibus tam carniū <32> quam piscium recentium emptis ad diuersas vices et diuersis preciis singulis diebus infra tempus huius compoti accidentibus <33> cum diuersis specierum generibus pro potagio et aliis causis similiter emptis pro expensis omnium Canoniorum et nouiciorum infra dictam <34> abbatiam existencium faciendis et soluendis quorum nomina ad numerum superius in Titulo Recepcio denariorum annotata <35> in quadam cedula super hunc Compotum examinata et probata ac specificata fuerunt particulariter super <36> expensis dicti Coquinarii in quodam Iornali singulatim per dietam facto et inter memoranda Compotorum hu[ius] <37> anni cum cedulis supradictis remanente super hunc Compotum similiter in presencia domini abbatis examinat' fuit et <38> probat' videlicet pro expensis dictorum Canoniorum presbiterorum per annum . . . lxij.li. xix.s. vj.d. et expens' dictorum <39> nouiciorum per annum infra eandem etc <40>

Summa . . . lxij.li. xix.s. vj.d. &lt;41&gt;

Empcio  
Sinapij.

Et in xvij. lagenis sinapij diuersis vicibus infra dictum tempus huius Compoti emptis pro expensis dicti Conuentus prout patet <42> in dicto Iornali dicti Coquinarii hoc anno precio lagene .iiij.d. . . . v.s. viij.d. <43>

Summa . . . v.s. viij.d &lt;44&gt;

Empcio  
salis albi  
et grossi cum  
farina  
auenarum

Et in consimilibus denariis solutis pro iij. bussellis salis albi ad x.d et vj. bussellis salis grossi ad .v.d hoc anno emptis pro expensis dicti <45> Conuentus prout patet in Iornali predicto . . . v.s. Et in vj. bussellis farine auenarum hoc anno emptis pro expensis dicti Conuentus <46> vt in Iornali predicto precio busselli .xij.d. . . . vj.s. <47>

Summa . . . xj.s. &lt;48&gt;

fo. IV, 32-46.]

npcio  
ctualium IDEM computat in Carne boum vitulorum ouium porcorum piscium  
salcorum [*sic*] [et *above*] recentium ac de ouis et aliis victualibus  
tam carniū quam piscium recentium <32> emptis ad diuersas  
vices et diuersis precijs singulis diebus infra tempus huius Compoti  
accidentibus cum diuersis specierum generibus pro <33> potagio  
et aliis causis similiter emptis pro expensis Canonicorum et  
Nouiciorum infra dictam abbatiam existencium faciendis et <34>  
soluendis quorum nomina ad numerum superius in titulo recepcio  
denariorum annotantur in quadam scedula super hunc Compotum  
<35> ostensa examinata et probata ac specificata fuerunt particu-  
lariter super expensis dicti Coquinarii in quodam Iornali singulatim  
<36> per dies facto et inter Memoranda Compotorum huius anni  
cum scedula supradicta remanente super hunc Compotum  
similiter in presencia <37> domini abbatis examinat' et probat'  
videlicet pro expensis Canonicorum presbiterorum et Nouiciorum  
per annum <38>

Summa . . . lvij li ijs iiijd <39>

npcio  
napij Et in . . . xxxvj lagenis Sinapij diuersis vicibus infra tempus  
huius Compoti emptis pro expensis dicti Conuentus prout plenius  
patet <40> in dicto Iornali dicti Coquinarii hoc anno precio lagene  
iiij d . . . xijs <41>

Summa . . . xijs <42>

npcio  
lis albi  
grossi cum  
ina  
enarum Et in consimilibus denariis solutis pro xvj bussellis [*vjd above*]  
salis grossi et x bussellis [*xiiijd above*] albi salis hoc anno emptis  
pro expensis dicti Conuentus prout <43> patet in dicto Iornali  
. . . xixs viijd Et in xij bussellis farine auenarum emptis hoc  
anno pro expensis dicti Conuentus vt patet <44> in dicto Iornali  
precio busselli xxd . . . xxs <45>

Summa . . . xxxixs viijd <46>

[fo. iv, 49-70.]

Empcio  
pisarum  
viridium

Et in . . . j. quarterio pisarum viridium de exitu personatus de Portebury empto pro expensis dicti Conuentus pro potagio infra tempus <49> Compoti faciendo precio busselli x.d vnde dictus Computator oneratus est in isto Compoto in Titulo de Portebury personatus vt <50> patet in Iornali predicto hoc anno . . . vj.s. viijd. <51>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d. &lt;52&gt;

allocacio pro  
victualibus  
Coci

Et in denariis solutis Coco pro Conuentu pro suis esculentibus<sup>1</sup> causa officij sui capienti per septimanam ix.d plus in toto xijd <53> de parte denariorum dicti Conuentus assignatorum hoc anno . . . xl.s. Tamen in Compotis annorum precedencium idem Cocus <54> percipiebat qualibet septimana xiiij.d causa officij sui predicti. Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto <55> superscribendo hoc anno . . . vj.d. <56>

Summa . . . xl.s. vj.d. &lt;57&gt;

Empcio  
focalis pro  
Coquina  
. . .

De denariis solutis pro focali super expensis coquine dicti Conuentus infra tempus Compoti faciendis [non] petit allocacionem <58> hic<sup>1</sup> eo quod expense de prouidencia dicti focalis pro omnibus in coquina faciendis sunt solute in denariis coquine [dicte] <59> abbacie per manum Thome Grene Collectoris redditus ville Bristoll' dicto Computatori vt patet in Compoto suo hoc [anno] <60>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;61&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Sed computat in denariis liberatis ad participacionem }  
Conuentus hoc anno de denariis <62> Coquine per }  
composicionem inde inter abbatem et Conuentum et } . . . xl.s.  
ipsum Coquinarium <63> in anno .xiiij.<sup>o</sup> Regis }  
Edwardi iiiijti<sup>2</sup> factam in certo annuatim . . . <64> }

Summa . . . xl.s. &lt;65&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM. . . LXVIIJ.LI. IIJ.S. IIIJ.D. QUE quidem <66> summa corespondet summe oneris sui supradicti. ET SIC <67>

QUIETUS EST. &lt;68&gt;

OFFICIUM COQUINARII . . . INFRA &lt;69&gt;

OFFICIUM COLLECTORIS GRACIE . . . EXTRA &lt;70&gt;

fo. IV, 47-67.]

Em]pcio  
sarum  
ridium

Et in j quarterio pisarum viridium de exitibus personatus de Portebury empto pro expensis dicti Conuentus pro potagio infra tempus <47> Compoti facto precio busselli xd vnde dictus Computator oneratus in dicto Compoto in titulo de Portebury personatus vt patet in Iornali <48> predicto hoc anno . . . vjs viijd <49>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <50>

locacio pro  
ictualibus  
oci

Et in denariis solutis Coco Conuentus pro suis esculentibus<sup>1</sup> causa officij sui capienti per septimanam ixd plus in toto xijd de parte denariorum <51> dicti Conuentus assignatorum hoc anno . . . xls Tamen in Compoto [sic] annorum precedencium idem Cocus percipiebat qualibet septimana xiiijd <52> causa officij sui Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . vjd <53>

Summa . . . xls vjd <54>

mpcio  
calis

Et in denariis solutis pro focali super expensis Coquine dicti Conuentus infra tempus Compoti faciendis non petit allocacionem <55> hic eo quod expense de prouidencia focalis pro omnibus in Coquina faciendis sunt solute in denariis pro coquina dicte abbacie <56> per manum willelmi wynter Collectoris redditus ville Bristoll' ibidem Computatori vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <57>

Summa . . . nulla <58>

eracio  
nariorum  
partici-  
cionem  
nuentus

Sed computat in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus hoc anno de denariis coquine per <59> Compositionem inde inter abbatem et Conuentum et ipsum Coquinarium in anno xiiij<sup>o</sup> Regis Edwardi <60> iiijti<sup>2</sup> factam incerto annuatim <61>

Summa . . . xls <62>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . LXIIIJLI XIIJJD Que quedam summa <63> corespondet summe oneris [sui *above*] supradicti ET SIC RECESSIT <64>

QUIETUS <65>

OFFICIUM COQUINARII . . . INFRA <66>

OFFICIUM COLLECTORIS DENARIORUM GRACIE . . . EXTRA <67>

<sup>1</sup> For his wages v. v d., 41, V d., 49.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. 1473-74.

[fo. ivd, 1-18.]

Officium  
 Collectoris  
 denariorum  
 Gracie . . .  
 arreragia.

COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS MARTYN' CUSTODIS OFFICIJ PREDICTI  
 PER TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum <1>

Idem reddit compotum de . . . iiij.li. xvj.s. viij.d receptis de  
 arreragiis anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem  
 etc <2>

Summa . . . iiij.li. xvj.s. viij.d <3>

Redditus  
 Bristoll'

Et de . . . Cxvj.s. viij.d receptis de redditu certorum tenemen-  
 torum in Bristoll' ad officium predictum pertinencium Soluendo  
 ad <4> iiijor anni terminos equaliter per annum . videlicet de  
 redditu vnus tenementi in vico beate Marie quod Iohannes Moret  
 tenet <5> per annum .xx.s vnus tenementi in vico predicto quod  
 Ricardus Batheryn' nuper tenuit per annum xxxs vnus tenementi  
 in <6> Bradestrete quod walterus Faryngdon' nuper tenuit per  
 annum xl.s. et iiijor shoparum in Frogmorestrete . . . <7>  
 xxvj.s. viij.d per annum scilicet pro qualibet earum vj.s. viij.d <8>

Summa . . . Cxvj.s. viij.d <9>

Gorewell'.

De .viij.li de redditu Manerij ibidem nuper receptis per manus  
 willelmi Caul [ . . . ] et Iohannis [ . . . . . ] inde  
 hoc anno <10> non reddit hic eo quod omnia exitus et proficua  
 eiusdem Manerij proueniencia ordinantur et disp[onun]tur per  
 willelmum nuper abbatem <11> Monasterii predicti et eiusdem loci  
 Conuentum ad vsum cuiusdam Canonici in ecclesia e[iusdem]  
 Monasterii indies per <12> septimanam celebrantis per annum pro  
 animabus omnium Fundatorum Monasterii predicti imperpetuum  
 prout in quadam composi[cione] <13> facta in anno xix<sup>o</sup> Regis  
 Edwardi iiijti.<sup>1</sup> plenius poterit apparere etc <14>

Summa . . . nulla <15>

Vendicio  
 pasture.

Sed reddit de . . . xxiijs iiijd receptis de quadam pastura vocata  
 le warthe iuxta le Canonmershe<sup>2</sup> sic dimissa Iohanni <16> webbe  
 hoc anno <17>

Summa . . . xxiijs. iiij.d. <18>

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1479-80. We hear no more of this Canon. v. Intr., p. 65. Gorewell  
 may be represented to-day by Garrow Farm & Garrowpipe Spring at the  
 head of the valley S.W. of Richmond Castle.

fo. IVd, 1-18.]

fficiū  
ollectoris  
enariorum  
racie  
rreragia } COMPOTUS FRATRIS ROBERTI ELYOT CUSTODIS OFFICIJ PREDICTI  
PER TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum <1>

IDEM reddit compotum de . . . iiij li xvjs viijd de arreragiis  
Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem <2>  
Summa . . . iiij li xvjs viijd <3>

Redditus  
Bristoll' } Et de . . . Cxvjs viijd receptis de redditu certorum tenementorum  
in Bristoll' ad officium predictum pertinencium Soluendo ad iiijor  
anni <4> terminos equaliter per annum videlicet De redditu vnus  
tenementi in vico beate Marie quod Iohannes Spicer tenet per  
annum xxs <5> vnus tenementi in vico predicto quod idem  
Iohannes Spicer tenet per annum xxxs vnus tenementi in Brade-  
strete quod Thomas <6> Peuterer tenet per annum xls et iiijor  
shoparum in Frogmorestrete xxvjs viijd per annum videlicet pro  
qualibet <7> earum vjs viijd <8>  
Summa . . . Cxvjs viijd <9>

Gorewell' } De viij li de redditu ibidem nuper per manum walteri wylkyns et  
Iohannis Colman' tenencium inde hoc anno non reddit eo <10>  
quod omnia exitus et proficua dicti Manerij proueniencia  
ordinantur et disponuntur per wilhelmum nuper abbatem  
Monasterii predicti et eiusdem <11> loci Conuentum ad vsum  
Canonici in Ecclesia eiusdem Monasterii indies per septimanam  
missas celebrantis per annum pro animabus <12> omnium  
fundatorum Monasterii predicti imperpetuum prout in quadam  
Composicione facta anno xix<sup>o</sup> Regis Edwardi iiijti<sup>1</sup> plenius  
poterit <13> apparere <14>  
Summa . . . nulla <15>

endicio  
pasture } Sed reddit de . . . xxiijs iiijd receptis de quadam pastura vocata  
le warth' iuxta le Cannonmershe<sup>2</sup> sic dimissa willelmo Thorne  
<16> hoc anno <17>  
Summa . . . xxiijs iiijd <18>

<sup>2</sup> "le Warthe al. Bemondesmede" is described in Poulet and in the Valors of 1542 as in Slymbrugge, but this is clearly an error, though repeated in several documents. The record of a lease of 1548 places it on the S. bank of the Avon, apparently roughly opposite the junction of Frome with Avon, and therefore "near Canons' Marsh" [v. Dean & Chapter of Bristol Cap. Act. lib. I.]. That the two pastures were distinct in 1491-92 and 1511-12 is clear from the entry of Bemondesmede at IX. 39, where it is leased to Henry Longe. No doubt they were adjacent and became united as a result of being leased to the same person later.

[fo. ivd, 19-35.]

Redditus in Petshawe Et de . . . vj.li. xiijs. iiij.d receptis de redditu Manerij ibidem<sup>1</sup> ad dictum officium pertinentis Soluendo ad iiijor anni <19> terminos equaliter per annum Et de . . . ij.s. viij.d receptis de incremento redditus vnius mesuagii [sic] cum iiijor acris terre <20> in claus' et j acra terre in campo vocato Domifeld [?] iacente in duobus locis vltra iiij.s de redditu dicti mesuagii <21> et terre sic nuper dimissorum Rogero Pope superius oneratos infra summam vj.li. xiijs. [sic] iiij.d eo quod predictum [mesuagium] <22> modo dimittitur Iohanni Bele ad terminum vite sue pro vjs. viij.d per annum vt patet in Compotis precedentibus <23>

Summa . . . vj.li. xvij.s &lt;24&gt;

Pensio de were Et de . . . ix.li. vj.s. viij.d receptis de quadam annua pensione vicarii ibidem pro quadam annuali firma ibidem <25> sic ab antiquo per compositionem inde factam sic sibi dimissa ad iiijor anni terminos soluenda per annum etc <26>

Summa . . . ix li vj.s. viij.d. &lt;27&gt;

Firma Manerij de Bradeley Et de . . . lxxvj.s. viij.d receptis de firma omnium terrarum et tenementorum cum redditibus et suis pertinentibus vniuersis in <28> Bradeley et Combe sic modo dimissorum Mauricio Daungervyle ad terminum vite sue etc<sup>2</sup> <29>

Summa . . . lxxvj.s viij.d &lt;30&gt;

Redditus in henton' Et de . . . ij.s. receptis de certo redditu in henton' iuxta Codryngton' pro diuersis terris et tenementis ibidem existentibus <31> sic dimissis Iohanni Poule<sup>3</sup> hoc anno. <32>

Summa . . . ij.s. &lt;33&gt;

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXJ.LI.  
IX.S. <34> DE QUIBUS <35>



fo. IVd, 19-34.]

redditus in Petshawe Et de . . . vj li xiijs iiijd receptis de redditu Manerij ibidem<sup>1</sup> ad dictum officium pertinentis Soluendo ad quatuor anni terminos <19> equaliter per annum Et de . . . ijs viijd receptis de incremento redditus vnus Messuagii cum iiijor acris terre incluse et j acra terre in <20> campo vocato Donnefeld' iacente in ij locis eiusdem campi vltra iijs de redditu dicti Messuagii et terre sic nuper dimissorum Rogero <21> Pope superius oneratos infra summam vj li xiijs iiijd eo quod dictum Messuagium modo dimittitur Iohanni Bele ad terminum <22> vite sue pro vjs viijd per annum vt patet in Compotis precedentibus <23>

Summa . . . vj li xvijs <24>

ensio de ere Et de . . . ix li vjs viijd receptis de quadam pensione Vicarii ibidem pro quadam annuali firma sic ab antiquo <25> per Compositionem inde factam sic sibi dimissa ad quatuor anni terminos soluenda per annum <26>

Summa . . . ix li vjs viijd <27>

redditus in henton' Et de . . . ijs receptis de redditu in henton' iuxta Codryngton' pro diuersis terris et tenementis ibidem sic dimissis hoc anno <28>

Summa . . . ijs <29>

irma Manerij de Bradeley Et de . . . lxxvjs viijd receptis de firma omnium terrarum et tenementorum cum redditibus et suis pertinentibus vniuersis in Bradeley et Combe sic <30> dimissorum Thome Daungervyle ad terminum vite sue<sup>2</sup> <31>

Summa . . . lxxvjs viijd <32>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXJ LI  
IXS <33> DE QUIBUS <34>

<sup>1</sup> *Manerij ibidem*, i.e. at Petshaw. Both Poulet and the Valors of 1542 treat Petshaw as a member of Almondsbury. There may have been outlying portions of the demesne of the Manor of Almondsbury here which it was natural to combine with the small estate originally leased from St. Peter's, Gloucester.

<sup>2</sup> v. Smyth, I. 241 and III. 108 for the Dangervilles and this "manor"; in his day it was "a farm worth £50." v. also Intr., p. 40.

<sup>3</sup> Farmer also of the adjacent Codrington and Wapley.

[fo. ivd, 36-54.]

Defectus  
redditus.

Idem computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in vico beate Marie in villa Bristoll' nuper in tenura Ricardi Batheryn' <36> superius onerati ad xxx.s per annum vltra .xxvj.s. viij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iij.s. iiij.d Et in <37> defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura willelmi Faryngdon' in Bradstrete superius similiter onerati ad xl.s. per annum <38> vltra xxxij.s. iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d Et in defectu redditus Manerij de Petshawe <39> ad .vj.li. xvij.s per annum superius similiter onerati vltra vj.li. x.s. iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vjs. viij.d <40>

Summa . . . xvj.s. viij.d &lt;41&gt;

Resolucio  
redditus

Et in redditu resolutio Priori de Maidenbradeley pro tenemento Iohannis Sall' in Bradestrete<sup>1</sup> hoc anno . . . vj.s <42> Et balliuis ville Bristoll' pro longabulo domini Regis de dicto tenemento debito per annum . . . vijd. ob. <43>

Summa . . . vj.s. vij.d ob. &lt;44&gt;

Reparaciones

Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis super diuersis tenuris vt patet per diuersas billas de parcella inde super hunc <45> Compotum examinatas et probatas ac inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanentes . . . x.s. v.d <46>

Summa . . . x.s. v.d &lt;47&gt;

Soluciones  
generales.

Et in denariis solutis domino abbati de denariis ei assignatis loco cuiusdam pitancie quam solebat in carnibus <48> recipere de officio predicto quolibet die lune . exceptis huiusmodi diebus in vigilijs et aduent' duplic' [*sic*] et quadragesima <49> que modernis diebus nominantur. Soluciones generales videlicet pro xxxvj. diebus lune infra tempus huius <50> Compoti accidentibus ad vj.d. per diem .xviij.s. Et cuilibet Canonico .viij. presbiterorum pro dictis .xxxvj. diebus lune <51> quolibet ad iij.d sic inter se .lxxij.s. Et henrico Griffith presbitero hoc anno mortuo pro x. diebus ij.s. vj.d sic <52> in toto hoc anno . . . iiij.li. xij.s. vjd. <53>

Summa . . . iiij.li.<sup>2</sup> xij.s. vj.d <54>

<sup>1</sup> In Poulet A for Maidenbradley [P.R.O. E.315/398, fo. 82] the value of rents and *firmes* due to that house in Bristol is given as £1 5s. od.

<sup>2</sup> ∴ above first four letters.

[fo. IVd, 35-52.]

Defectus  
redditus

Idem computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in vico beate Marie in villa Bristoll' modo in tenura Iohannis Spicer superius <35> onerati ad xxxs per annum vltra xxvjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd Et in defectu redditus vnus <36> tenementi ibidem in tenura predicti Iohanni Spycer superius similiter onerati ad xxs per annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc <37> anno . . . xiijs iiijd <38>

Summa . . . xvjs viijd <39>

Resolucio  
redditus

Et in redditu resolutio Priori de Maidenbradeley pro j tenemento in tenura Thome Pewterer in Bradestrete . . . vjs<sup>1</sup> <40> Et Balliuis ville Bristoll' pro longabulo domini Regis de dicto tenemento debito per annum . . . vijd ob' <41>

Summa . . . vjs vijd ob' <42>

Reparaciones

Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis super diuersis tenementis vt patet in quodam quaterno dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc Compotum <43> ostenso examinato et probato ac inter cetera Memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . xxixs viijd <44>

Summa . . . xxixs viijd <45>

Soluciones  
Generalium

Et in denariis solutis domino abbati de denariis ei assignatis loco cuiusdam pitancie quam solebat in Carnibus recipere de officio <46> predicto quolibet die lune exceptis huiusmodi diebus lune in vigilijs et adventu domini duplicibus festis et quadragesima accidentibus <47> que modernis diebus nominantur Soluciones generalium videlicet pro xxxij diebus lune infra tempus huius Compoti ad vjd <48> per diem . . . xvjs Et cuilibet Canonico ix. presbiterorum pro dictis xxxij diebus lune quolibet ad iijd sic <49> in toto inter se . . . lxxijs. Et Fratribus Iohanni Gyles [iijs vjd *above*] et Iohanni Smart [iijs vjd *above*] pro xviiij diebus lune hoc anno . . . <50> . . . ixs <51>

Summa . . . iiij li xvijs <52>

[fo. ivd, 55-74.]

Expensa  
necessaria

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno  
 . . . ijd Et Clericis Capelle beate Marie [in] <55> abbatia  
 Monasterii predicti in festo sancti Nicholai Episcopi hoc anno  
 . . . xijd<sup>1</sup> Et willelmo Oswald' pro colleccione redditus <56>  
 huic officio pertinentis apud Petshawe hoc anno . . . ij.s <57>

Summa . . . iij.s. ij.d. &lt;58&gt;

Solutio  
facta ad  
officium  
Infirmarii...

Et in denariis solutis willelmo hobbess Infirmario Monasterii sancti  
 augustini Bristoll' tam pro stipendio pagetti <59> dicti officij  
 quam al' necessariorum concernencium [sic] dictum officium inde  
 fiend' sicut in Compoto suo huius anni plenius <60> continetur  
 videlicet de generalibus nouiciorum<sup>2</sup> hoc anno . . . xiijs ijd  
 Et alia vice pro Conuiuio<sup>3</sup> <61> Conuentus die lune proximo post  
 festum assumptionis beate Marie virginis hoc anno . . . xiiij.s.  
 iiij.d <62>

Perdona  
domini.  
exhdt<sup>4</sup>

NULLA. Summa . . . xxvj.s. vj.d. &lt;63&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Sed computat in denariis liberatis ad participacionem }  
 Conuentus Monasterii sancti <64> augustini predicti } Cj.s. v.d  
 de exitu officij sui huius anni . . . <65> }

Summa liberata . . . Cj.s. v.d. &lt;66&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XIJ.LI. XVIIJ.S.  
 IIJ.D. OB. ET DEBENTUR. . . <67> . . . XVIIJ.LI. XJ.S. VIIJ.D. OB.  
 De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . xiiij.li xv.s ob. <68>  
 quos liberauit ad manum Thesaurarii Monasterii predicti pro  
 vrgenti causa oneris impositi super idem <69> Monasterium  
 per dominum Regem de quadam beneuolencia eidem concessa hoc  
 anno.<sup>5</sup> ET SIC DEBENTUR <70> . . . IIIJ.LI. XVJ.S. VIIJ.D. <71>

Qui sunt. &lt;72&gt;

Super . . . { Matheum haywardyn' administratorem bonorum Magistri }  
 { Roberti Carne nuper <73> vicarium [sic] de were de parte }  
 { pensionis sue aretro existente prout patet in precedent' <74> }

[fo. IVd, 53-66.]

Expensa necessaria Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . ijd Et in denariis solutis Clericis beate Marie <53> in abbatia Monasterii predicto in festo sancti Nicholai hoc anno . . . xijd Et willelmo Oseword pro colleccione redditus <54> apud Petshawe . huic officio pertinentis hoc anno . . . ijs Et in riguardo dato seruienti Vicarii de were afferenti <55> pensionem ad ij vices hoc anno <56>

Summa . . . iiijs vjd <57>

Solucio facta ad Officium Infirmarii Et in denariis solutis Fratri willelmo Burton' Infirmario huius Monasterii pro stipendiis diuersorum laboratorum conductorum circa focale <58> pro solacione infirmorum et Iuuenum Canoniorum in dicto officio tempore Infirmittatis eorum expensum hoc anno . . . <59> . . . xiijs ijd Et alia vice pro Conuiuio<sup>3</sup> Conuentus die lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie virginis hoc anno <60> vt in annis precedentibus . . . xiijs iiijd <61>

Summa . . . xxvjs vjd <62>

Liberacio denariorum ad participacionem Conuentus } Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus huius Monasterii sancti augustini de exitu officij sui huius anni . . . xvij li xjs iiijd ob' <63>

Summa . . . xvijli xjs iiijd ob' <64>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXVJ LI XIJ S  
IIJJD ET <65> DEBENTUR . . . IIJ LI XVJS VIIJD <66>

QUI SUNT <67>

Super. . . { Mattheum haywardyn' administratorem bonorum Magistri  
Roberti Carne nuper <68> Vicarium de were de parte pensionis sue  
aretro existente prout patet in precedent' <69> }

<sup>1</sup> This is the Saint on whose feast the "Boy-Bishop" ceremonies took place; whether they were performed in the abbey we cannot say, but it was natural to give presents to the choristers on the day of the children's saint.

<sup>2</sup> The sum of 13s. 2d. corresponds with the Infirmarer's payment for firewood. What exactly the phrase *generalia noviciorum* originally signified we do not know; "the page's salary and other necessities of the office" hardly seems to have any specific connection with the novices. Did they once have a pittance, consumed in the Infirmary? v. Glossary, *generale*.

<sup>3</sup> v. Intr., p. 57.

<sup>4</sup> We have been quite unable to devise a satisfactory expansion of this marginal note.

<sup>5</sup> v. Intr., p. 51.

[fo. v, 1-17.]

Officium Collectoris Redditus Communis ville Bristoll'	}	COMPOTUS FRATRIS HENRICI BRUGGES COLLECTORIS REDDITUS IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS HENRICI VIJmi. SEPTIMO . VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUDEM REGIS OCTAUO. <2>
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arreragia. Idem reddit compotum de . . . Clxij.li. x.d. receptis de arreragiis  
 Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem  
 etc. <3>

Summa . . . Clxij.li. x.d <4>

Redditus Et de . . . lxxviiij.li. viij.s. ix.d. receptis de redditu omnium  
 tenencium domini infra villam Bristoll' predicte et procinctum ac  
 Su[burbium] <5> eiusdem Soluendo ad iiijor. anni terminos  
 equaliter per annum prout plenius et particulariter patet in  
 quodam nouo Rentali ibidem re[nouato] <6> in festo sancti  
 Valentini martyris anno xviiij<sup>o</sup> Regis Edwardi iiijti.<sup>1</sup> per  
 informacionem diuersorum Officiariorum prius in eodem officio  
 existencium [ . . . ] <7> hoc iuratorum etc <8>

Summa . . . lxxviiij.li. viij.s. ix.d. <9>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS. . . . CCXL.LI.  
 IX.S. VIJ.D <10> DE QUIBUS. <11>

Resolucio Idem computat in redditu resolutio heredibus Thome Broke  
 redditus. Militis<sup>2</sup> pro certis terris et tenementis ibidem ad terminum sancti  
 Michaelis per annum prout <12> allocatur in Compotis preceden-  
 tibus . . . vj.s. viij.d. Et heredibus Thome lyons de Stokeley<sup>3</sup>  
 ad iiijor. anni terminos per annum <13> . . . viij.s Et abbati de  
 kyngeswode pro vna cella in vico beate Marie quondam willelmi  
 kynges per annum . . . <14> . . . vj.s viij.d Et abbati de  
 Tyntarn' pro quodam tenemento vocato hillary palmarina in alto  
 vico per annum . . . vj.s <15> Et ecclesie sancti augustini  
 Minoris pro quodam tenemento nuper in tenura willelmi Cloterboke  
 in dicta villa per manus <16> procuratorum ecclesie ibidem

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 14th February, 1479 (New Style).

<sup>2</sup> cf. note 2, page 101.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. Stokeleigh in Ashton.

[fo. V, 1-19.]

Officium  
Collectoris  
redditus  
Communis  
ville  
Bristol'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI WYNTER COLLECTORIS REDDITUS  
IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI  
REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI  
EIVSDEM REGIS QUARTO <2>

arreragia

IDEM reddit compotum de . . . CCxliiij li xiijs iiijd ob' de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
ibidem <3>

Summa . . . CCxliiij li xiijs iiijd ob <4>

Redditus  
assise

Et de . . . lxxviiij li viijs ix d vna cum j libra piperis receptis  
de redditu omnium tenencium domini ibidem infra villam Bristol'  
<5> predictam et procinctum ac Suburbium eiusdem ville Soluendo  
ad quatuor anni terminos equaliter per annum prout plenius et  
<6> particulariter patet in quodam Rentali ibidem renouato in  
festo sancti Valentini martyris anno xviiij<sup>o</sup> Regis Edwardi iiijti<sup>1</sup>  
per informacionem <7> diuersorum Officiariorum prius in eodem  
officio existencium ad hoc iuratorum etc <8>

Summa . . . lxxviiij li viijs ix d <9>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . CCCxxiiij li  
iijs jd ob' <10> DE QUIBUS <11>

Resolucio  
redditus

IDEM computat in redditu resolutio heredibus Thome Broke Militis<sup>2</sup>  
pro certis terris et tenementis ibidem ad festum sancti Michaelis  
prout allocatur in <12> Compotis precedentibus . . . vjs viijd Et  
heredibus Thome Lyons de Stokeley<sup>3</sup> ad iiijor anni terminos per  
annum . . . viijs Et <13> abbati de kyngeswode pro j cella in  
vico beate Marie quondam willelmi kynge per annum . . . vjs  
viijd Et abbati de <14> Tyntarn' pro quodam tenemento vocato  
hiliary palmarina in alto vico per annum . . . vjs Et Ecclesie sancti  
augustini Minoris <15> pro quodam tenemento nuper in tenura  
willelmi Cloterboke in dicta villa per manus procuratorum ecclesie  
predicte ad finem sancti Michaelis per annum . . . <16> . . . ijs  
Et Custodi anniuersariorum infra abbatiam sancti augustini pro  
quodam tenemento vocato Fadere in Brodemedede per annum . . .  
<17> . . . vjs viijd Et eidem Custodi pro quodam tenemento  
vocato Pyntall' in quo laurencius Cotiler nuper inhabitauit in <18>  
wynestrete pro eo quod idem laurencius non tenetur inde onus

[fo. v, 17-34.]

ad finem sancti Michaelis per annum . . . ij.s. Et Custodi  
 anniuersariorum infra abbatiam sancti augustini <17> pro quodam  
 tenemento vocato Faders in Brodemede per annum . . . vjs.  
 viij.d Et eidem Custodi pro quodam tenemento vocato <18>  
 Pyntall' in quo laurencius Cotiler nuper inhabitauit in wynstrete  
 pro eo quod idem laurencius non tenetur inde <19> onus subire  
 per conuencionem tempore capcionis tenementi predicti per annum  
 . . . vj.s. Et eidem Custodi pro tenement' vocat' longerewe <20>  
 in dicta villa ad iiijor anni terminos per annum . . . xl.s. Et  
 ecclesie beate Marie in foro pro terra iuxta Cimiterium ecclesie <21>  
 predicte per annum . . . ij.s. Et balliuis ville Bristoll' pro quodam  
 tenemento in quo Petrus ledbury' nuper inhabitauit <22> per  
 annum . . . iij.d. ob. Et eisdem balliuis pro longabulo vnus  
 tenementi in Brodemede hoc anno . . . xvd Et eisdem <23>  
 balliuis pro longabulo vnus tenementi vocati hutton' hoc anno  
 . . . xijd Et eisdem balliuis pro longabulo vnus tenementi vocati  
 <24> Pyntall' in quo laurencius Cotelier nuper inhabitauit in  
 wynestrete vt in Compoto huius officij de anno terminante <25>  
 ad finem sancti Michaelis anno xvij°. Regis henrici vjti.<sup>1</sup> . . .  
 vij.d. ob <26>

Summa . . . iiij.li. vij.s. ij.d &lt;27&gt;

Defectus  
 redditus.  
 Bacca sancti  
 augustini.

horstrete. . .

[Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi cum pertinentibus super  
 Baccam sancti augustini nuper in tenura Roberti holme superius  
 <28> onerati ad vj.s. viij.d per annum vltra v.s. inde leuatos de  
 exitu hoc anno . . . xx.d. Et in defectu redditus vnus <29>  
 tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Iohannis haye superius similiter  
 onerati ad .viij.s. per annum vltra iij.s. inde leuatos de exitu <30>  
 hoc anno . . . v.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi  
 in horstrete nuper in tenura Iohannis Steyner superius <31>  
 similiter onerati ad xx.s per annum vltra xijs inde leuatos de  
 exitu hoc anno . . . viijs. Et in defectu redditus vnus  
 tenementi <32> ibidem nuper in tenura henrici hort superius  
 similiter onerati ad xs per annum vltra ixs inde leuatos de  
 exitu hoc anno <33> . . . xijd Et in defectu redditus

<sup>1</sup> i.e. the year Michaelmas 1437—Michaelmas 1438.



[fo. V, 19-37.]

subire per conuencionem tempore capcionis tenementi predicti per annum (19) . . . vjs Et eidem Custodi pro quodam tenemento vocato longerewe in dicta villa ad quatuor anni terminos per annum . . . xls (20) Et ecclesie beate Marie in foro [*pro terra*] iuxta Cimiterium ecclesie predictae per annum . . . ijs Et Balliuis ville Bristoll' pro quodam tenemento (21) in quo Petrus ledbury' inhabitauit per annum . . . iijd ob' Et eisdem Balliuis pro longabulo vnus tenementi in Brodemedede (22) hoc anno . . . xvd Et eisdem Balliuis pro longabulo vnus tenementi vocati hutton' hoc anno . . . xijd Et eisdem (23) Balliuis pro longabulo vnus tenementi vocati Pyntall' in quo laurencius Cotiler inhabitauit in wynestrete vt in (24) Compoto huius officii de anno terminante ad finem sancti Michaelis anno xvij<sup>o</sup> Regis henrici vjti<sup>1</sup> . . . vijd ob' (25)

Summa . . . iiij li vijs ijd (26)

Defectus  
redditus  
Frogmore-  
streteBacca sancti  
augustini

Et in defectu redditus vnus gardini in Frogmorestrete in tenura willelmi Pryck Goldesmyth' superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra (27) ijs iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijd

♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi super Baccam sancti augustini nuper in tenura (28) Iodowici Coke superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . vjs viijd Et in defectu redditus (29) alterius tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra iijs iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd Et (30) in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad xs per annum et alterius tenementi ibidem vocati Perryn' Cotur superius onerati ad (31) vjs viijd per annum vltra xiijs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem in (32) tenura Thome Corset superius onerati ad xijs per annum vltra ixs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs Et in (33) Et in [*sic*] defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad viijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in (34) defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad viijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in (35) defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem in tenura Iohannis Thomas superius onerati ad ixs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu (36) hoc anno . . . xijd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in tenura willelmi Davies superius onerati ad xiijs iiijd

[fo. v, 34-52.]

	tenementi ibidem nuper alicie Thristewell' superius similiter onerati ad x.s. per <34> annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iij.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura <35> alicie Vale superius similiter onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs [Et in] <36> [defectu redditus <i>deleted</i> ] Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Iohannis Berkeley superius similiter onerati <37> ad x.s per annum vltra ix.s inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xij.d. Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper Iohannis <38> Drayton' superius similiter onerati ad xxvjs. viijd per annum vltra xvjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . x.s. viijd <39> ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Brodemedede nuper in tenura Iohannis harries superius similiter [onerati] ad viijs per annum <40> vltra iijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiij.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi super le were superius similiter <41> onerati ad xxvj.s viijd per annum vltra vj.s. viij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xx.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus <42> vnus tenementi in Mercato nuper in tenura willelmi Brugges superius similiter onerati ad v.s per annum vltra vjd inde <43> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiij.s vjd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi [ibidem <i>above</i> ] nuper in tenura Iohannis Calycote <44> superius similiter onerati ad xxvj.s viij.d per annum vltra xij.s. iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . <45> . . . xij.s. iiij.d ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in parochia sancti Petri nuper in tenura Iohannis Fraye <46> superius similiter onerati ad xvij.s per annum vltra ix.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ix.s. Et in defectu <47> redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura alicie Gibbes superius similiter onerati ad x.s per annum vltra <48> iij.s iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. viijd Et in defectu redditus iij tenementorum ibidem superius similiter <49> oneratum ad xxiijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xxiijs ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in <50> Seintmaryporte nuper in tenura Nicholai wyesby superius similiter onerati ad xij.s. iiij.d per annum vltra x.s <51> inde leuatos de exitu hoc
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Brodemedede. . . .

were. . . .

Mercatus. . . .

Parochia  
sancti  
Petri.Seintmary-  
porte.

[fo. V, 37-57.]

per <37> annum vltra xijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
 xvjd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi annexi superius  
 onerati ad <38> viijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc  
 anno . . . viijs ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in  
 horestrete <39> superius onerati ad xxs per annum vltra xijs inde  
 leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in defectu redditus  
 alterius tenementi ibidem <40> in tenura Philippi Baker superius  
 onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc  
 anno . . . ijs Et in defectu <41> redditus vnus tenementi  
 superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu  
 hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus <42> alterius tenementi  
 ibidem superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos  
 de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus <43> alterius  
 tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs  
 inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu <44>  
 [redditus] alterius tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad xxvjs  
 viijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . .  
 xxvjs viijd ♣ Et <45> in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in  
 lewennesmede superius onerati ad xvjs per annum vltra xijs inde  
 leuatos de exitu <46> hoc anno . . . iijs ♣ Et in defectu redditus  
 vnus tenementi in Brodemedede superius onerati ad viijs per  
 annum vltra <47> vjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
 xvjd Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem superius  
 onerati ad <48> viijs per annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos de  
 exitu hoc anno . . . xvjd Et in defectu redditus alterius  
 tenementi ibidem <49> superius onerati ad viijs per annum vltra  
 vjs viijd per annum inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xvjd ♣  
 Et in defectu <50> redditus vnus tenementi super le were superius  
 onerati ad xxvjs viijd per annum vltra xxs inde leuatos de exitu  
 hoc <51> anno . . . vjs viijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus  
 tenementi in Mercato superius onerati ad vs per annum vltra  
 xxd <52> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd Et in  
 defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Iohannis Turner  
 superius <53> onerati ad xxvjs viijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur  
 de exitu hoc anno . . . xxvjs viijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus  
 <54> vnus tenementi in parochia sancti Petri superius onerati ad  
 xs per annum vltra vs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vs  
 Et in <55> defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem superius  
 onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc  
 anno . . . vjs viijd <56> Et in defectu redditus iij tenementorum  
 ibidem superius oneratum ad xxiijs viijd per annum vltra ijs

[fo. v, 52-67.]

Seintmary- strete	anno . . . iij.s. iiij.d ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus shope cum camera adiacente in Seintmarystrete <52> superius similiter onerati ad x.s per annum vltra v.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .
highstrete.	v.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus <53> tenementi in highstrete nuper in tenura Ricardi haddon' <sup>1</sup> superius similiter onerati ad viij.li. xij.s. viij.d per annum vltra vij.li. <54> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xxxij.s. viij.d Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem ad signum Corbi nuper in <55> tenura Petri kerdyf' superius similiter onerati ad iiij li per annum . eo quod xl.s inde conceduntur per abbatem et Conuentum <56> Clementi wiltshire et vxori eius ad terminum vite eorum pro noua edificacione inde . . . xl.s. Et in defectu redditus <57> vnus tenementi ibidem vocati le Bastehouse parcelle tenementi predicti nuper in tenura Thome hanser superius similiter onerati ad <58> vj.s. viij.d per annum . vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . .
wynestrete.	vjs viij.d ♣ Et in defectu redditus .iiij. shoparum in <59> wynestrete superius insimul oneratorum ad xxiijs. iiij.d per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xxiijs. iiij.d <60> Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Ricardi ap Ryce [vocati Pyntall' <i>above</i> ] superius similiter onerati ad lxs. per annum vltra <61> liijs. iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Ricardi <62> haddon' superius similiter onerati ad xiiij.s per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . .
Cornestrete.	xiiij.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus <63> vnus tenementi in Cornestrete nuper in tenura Ricardi Brugges superius similiter onerati ad xvjs per annum vltra xijs. inde <64> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .
Fissherlane.	. . . iiij.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus shope cum cameris supraedificatis in Fisshereslane <65> superius similiter onerati ad xvj.s. vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xvj.s. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus prati vocati Trevilmede <66> superius similiter onerati ad xxs. per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu

<sup>1</sup> In 1619 the Dean and Chapter held, in addition to the Boar's Head [*q.v.*, note 3, page 91], the Raven, which adjoined the Boar's Head, and two inns at the corner of High Street and Wine Street, one in each street and including shops actually on the corner and passages making entry possible from either street. Possibly Haddon's Tavern was the High Street one of these twins, called in 1619 the King's Head. This supposition is encouraged by William Worcestre [ed. Nasmith, p. 217], who speaks of *Via vocata through-hows in meridionali viae de Wynch-strete per Haddon-tanerie* [sic] *ad vicum St. Mary port strete*. Pryce [*Hist. Bristol*, p. 70] says that a Richard Haddon who died before 1451 left money to the Kalendars; Dallaway [*Antiquities of Bristow*, p. 98] quotes an inscription in All Saints to John Haddon, vyntner, ob. 11 March, 1434, and Christina his wife.

fo. V, 57-77.]

inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . <57> . . . xxjs viijd ♣ Et  
 in defectu redditus vnus stabuli in Seintmarystrete in tenura  
 Thome Piers superius onerati ad <58> xiijs iiijd per annum vltra  
 xs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs iiijd Et in defectu  
 redditus vnus shope <59> cum camera ibidem superius onerati  
 ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
 ijs ♣ Et in defectu <60> redditus vnus tenementi in alto vico  
 vocati haddons Tavern'<sup>1</sup> in tenura Iohannis Mesam' superius  
 onerati ad xj li vjs per <61> annum vltra ix li vjs viijd inde leuatos  
 de exitu hoc anno . . . xxxixs iiijd Et in defectu redditus vnus  
 tenementi in <62> tenura Thome wexmaker superius onerati ad  
 xlvjs viijd per annum vltra xls inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno  
 . . . <63> . . . vjs viijd Et in defectu redditus ij tenementorum  
 in tenura Ricardi wilteshyre superius oneratorum ad iiij li xiijs  
 iiijd per annum <64> vltra xls inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
 liijs iiijd ♣ Et in defectu redditus iiij shoparum in wynestrete  
 superius <65> oneratorum ad xxiijs iiijd per annum vltra ijs iiijd  
 inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xxs Et in defectu redditus  
 vnus <66> tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Ricardi haddon'  
 superius onerati ad xiijs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc  
 anno . . . xiijs ♣ <67> Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi  
 in Cornestrete nuper in tenura willelmi Clare superius onerati ad  
 xvjs per annum vltra xijs <68> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno  
 . . . iijs Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi in tenura  
 Iohannis Palmer superius onerati ad <69> xiijs iiijd per annum  
 vltra xijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xvjd ♣ Et in  
 defectu redditus vnus tenementi <70> in Fysshrelane cum  
 cameris supraedificatis in tenura Vicarij sancti leonardi superius  
 onerati ad xvjs per annum vltra viijs <71> inde leuatos de exitu  
 hoc anno . . . viijs ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus prati vocati  
 Trivelmede superius onerati ad xxs <72> per annum vnde nichil  
 leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xxs ♣ Et in defectu redditus  
 vnus gardini in Pylestrete superius onerati ad <73> xviijd per  
 annum vltra xijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vjd  
 ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenemente in Redclyf <74> strete  
 in tenura Iohannis Seymour Militis superius onerati ad vijs xd  
 per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . vijs xd  
 Et <75> in defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura  
 Gregorij Corkemaker superius onerati ad xxvjs viijd per annum  
 vltra xxiijs iiijd <76> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs iiijd  
 Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in tenura Iohanni Breche

[fo. v, 67-84.]

Pylestrete.	hoc anno . . . xxs. ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus gardini in	
Redeclyue- strete.	Pylestrete superius <67> similiter onerati ad xviiij per annum vltra xijd. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vjd ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Redeclyuestrete <68> modo in tenura Iohannis Smyth' superius similiter onerati ad xxvijs per annum vltra xxs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs. Et in defectu redditus <69> vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura willelmi Splotte superius similiter onerati ad xvjs. per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xvjs. Et in defectu redditus <70> vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura willelmi Carpenter superius similiter onerati ad xxs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xxs. ♣ Et in defectu <71> redditus vnus tenementi [in Templestrete <i>above</i> ] nuper in tenura Philippi harper superius similiter onerati ad xxxijs. iiij d. per annum vltra xxvj.s. viij d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . <72> . . . vj.s viij d ♣ Et in defectu redditus omnium tenementorum in wryngton- lane.	vj.s viij d ♣ Et in defectu redditus omnium tenementorum in wryngtonlane superius similiter oneratorum ad lxxvjs. viij d per annum vltra vjs viij d <73> inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . lxx.s. <74>

Summa . . . xx.li.<sup>1</sup> v.s viij d <75>

Empcio vini pro domino abbate et Conuentu	Et in vino rubij coloris empto pro expensis domini abbatis et xvij Canonicorum de Conuentu videlicet Iohannis <76> Martyn' Prioris Thome Grene Supprioris henrici [x.d <i>above</i> ] Griffith' henrici Brugges Iohannis Dynham Thome <77> Clerk' willelmi hobbes willelmi Grekelade Roberti Elyot Iohannis Piers Iohannis howell' Iohannis Gyles willelmi <78> Bradeford' willelmi Osewald' Iohannis halle Nicholai Chapell' et willelmi wynter ad xxix . festa <79> principalia et duplicia videlicet Omnium Sanctorum Concepcionis beate Marie Natalis domini Circumsicionis [ <i>sic</i> ] domini Epiphanie domini <80> Purificacionis beate Marie diei sancti Georgij . diei dominice in Ramispalmarum annunciacionis beate Marie . Cene domini . Pasche . <81> Festi Reliquarum Inuencionis sancte Crucis ascensionis domini Pentecoste Trinitatis sancti augustini anglorum [apostoli <i>above</i> ] Corporis <82> Christi . Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste . Petri et Pauli . Visitacionis beate Marie Transfiguracionis domini assumpcionis beate Marie <83> sancti augustini Doctoris . dedicacionis ecclesie Natiuitatis beate Marie Translacionis sancti augustini Exaltacionis sancte
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<sup>1</sup> ∴ *above first letter.*

. V, 77-87.]

superius <77> onerati ad xxviijs per annum vltra xxs inde leuatos  
de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in defectu redditus vnus  
tenementi nuper <78> in tenura David Tyler superius onerati ad  
xvjs per annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
ixs iiijd <79> Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in  
tenura Thome hopkyns superius onerati ad xxs per annum vnde  
nichil leuatur de exitu <80> hoc anno . . . xxs Et in defectu  
reditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Edwardi Griffith'  
superius onerati ad xxs <81> per annum vnde nichil leuatur de  
exitu hoc anno . . . xxs ♣ Et in defectu redditus ij gardinorum  
super Redeclyuehull' superius <82> oneratum ad iijs ijd per  
annum vltra xvijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs viijd ♣  
Et in defectu redditus diuersorum <83> tenementorum in longerewe  
superius similiter oneratum ad xxxiijs iiijd per annum vltra  
xvjs iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . <84> . . . xvjs  
♣ Et in defectu redditus diuersorum tenementorum in wryngton-  
lane superius similiter oneratum ad lxxvjs viijd per annum <85>  
vltra vs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . lxxjs viijd <86>

Summa . . . xxiiij li xvs <87>

OFFICIUM COLLECTORIS REDDITUS COMMUNIS <88>

. Vd, 1-8.]

pcio  
i pro  
nino  
ate et  
uentu } Et in vino rubij coloris empto pro domino abbate et xv. Canoni-  
corum de Conuentu videlicet Roberti Elyot Prioris willelmi <1>  
Grekelade Supprioris Iohannis howell' Nicholai Chapell' willelmi  
wynter Iohannis Gyles [pro xxj diebus *above*] henrici Pavy  
Iohannis S[mart] [pro xx *torn, above*] <2> willelmi Burton'  
willelmi Fyll' Iohannis webbe Thome Scansby Thome Page  
Iohannis Cary' willelmi lucas ad [ *torn*] <3> xxix festa  
principalia et duplicia Videlicet Omnium Sanctorum Concepcionis  
beate Marie Natalis domini Circumcisionis domini Epip[hanie] <4>  
domini Purificacionis beate Marie Diei sancti Georgij diei  
dominice in Ramispalmarum annunciacionis beate Marie Cene  
domini Pasche <5> Festi reliquarum Inuencionis sancte Crucis  
ascensionis domini Pentecoste Trinitatis sancti augustini  
anglorum apostoli Corporis Christi Na[tivitatis sancti] <6>  
Iohannis Baptiste Petri et Pauli Visitacionis beate Marie  
Transfiguracionis domini assumptionis beate Marie sancti  
augustini Doctoris <7> dedicacionis Ecclesie Natiuitatis beate

[fo. v, 84-93.]

Crucis <84> et sancti Michaelis in fine huius Compoti . ad quodlibet festum festorum predictorum dominus abbas percipiet vnum potellum et <85> quilibet Canonikorū vnum quarte Et in consimili vino empto pro expensis domini abbatis et eius Conuentus ad predictas <86> vigilias Natalis domini Pasche et Pentecoste ad quamlibet vigiliam ij lagenas ex laudabili consuetudine vsitata <87> prout allocatur in Compotis precedentibus Et notandum est quod propter admissionem predicti noui festi Visitacionis beate Marie<sup>1</sup> <88> concordatum et decretum est per dominum Iohannem abbatem et eius Conuentum Monasterii predicti quod quilibet Canonicus <89> decetero recipiat annuatim tam pro vigilijs supra recitatis quam pro dicto nouo festo j potellum vini precio iiijd <90> atting' ad summam pro quolibet Canonico .v.s in certo annuatim precio lagene viij.d hoc anno ordinacionis <91> predictae vto. . . . iiij.li. x.s. x.d <92>

Summa . . . iiij.li. x.s. x.d &lt;93&gt;

## OFFICIUM COLLECTORIS REDDITUS VILLE BRISTOLL'. &lt;94&gt;

[fo. vd, 1-9.]

Empcio olei Et in . . . viij . lagenis et j potello olei emptis pro expensis lampadum in dormitorio illuminat' precio lagene .xvj.d hoc <1> anno . . . x.s. Et in . . . v. petris [et dimidio *above*] cepi emptis hoc anno precio petre .x.d hoc anno . . . iiij.s. vij.d <2>

Summa . . . xiiij.s. vij.d. &lt;3&gt;

Stipendia Et in denariis solutis Senescallo ville Bristoll'. Gladifero Seruiantibus Maioris ibidem seruiantibus Vicecomitum ibidem ac <4> balliuis itinerantibus eiusdem ville in die Epiphanie domini per preceptum domini abbatis hoc anno . . . nichil<sup>2</sup> <5>

Summa . . . nulla . &lt;6&gt;

Feoda De aliquibus feodis de hoc officio solutis nullam petit allocacionem per tempus predictum neque decetero eo quod omnia <7> huiusmodi feoda soluentur per Thesaurarium Commune Monasterii predicti per ordinacionem inde per willelmum nuper abbatem factam etc <8>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;9&gt;

<sup>1</sup> Admitted to the Calendar by Urban VI in 1389, but still a " new feast " to our accountants.



[fo. Vd, 8-23.]

Marie Translacionis sancti augustini Exaltacionis sancte Crucis et sancti Michaelis archangeli in fine huius <8> Compoti sic ad quodlibet festum festorum predictorum dominus abbas percipiet j potellum et quilibet Canonicus j quarte Et in consimili <9> vino empto pro expensis dictorum abbatis et Conuentus ad predictas vigiliis Natalis domini Pasche et Pentecoste ad quamlibet vigiliam ij <10> lagenas ex laudabili consuetudine vsitata prout allocatur in Compotis precedentibus Et notandum est quod propter admissionem predicti noui <11> festi Visitacionis beate Marie<sup>1</sup> concordatum et decretum est per Iohannem abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii predicti quod quilibet Canonicus <12> recipiet annuatim tam pro vigiliis suprarecitatis quam pro predicto nouo festo j potellum vini precio iiijd atting' ad summam pro <13> quolibet Canonico vs incerto annuatim precio lagene viijd Et sic tota summa vini predicti attingit ad . . . iiij li xvjd <14>

Summa . . . iiij li xvjd <15>

Empcio Olei Et in vij. lagenis oleie mptis pro expensis lampadum in Dormitorio illuminantium hoc anno <16>

Summa . . . xs viijd <17>

Stipendia De aliquibus stipendiis solutis Senescallo ville Bristoll' Gladifero seruientibus Maioris ibidem seruientibus Vicecomitum ibidem et Balliuis <18> itinerantibus eiusdem ville nullam petit allocacionem per tempus predictum neque decetero per mandatum domini abbatis nunc <19><sup>2</sup>

Summa . . . nulla <20>

Feoda Nec reddit de aliquibus feodis de hoc officio solutis vllam petit allocacionem per tempus predictum neque decetero eo quod omnia huiusmodi <21> feoda persoluuntur annuatim per Thesaurarium Recepte Commune Monasterii predicti per ordinacionem inde per willelmum nuper abbatem factam <22>

Summa . . . nulla <23>

<sup>2</sup> v. Intr., p. 6.

[fo. vd, 10-28.]

Custus circa  
focale vsque  
abbatiam  
habendum

Cxjs viijd

Sed computat in denariis solutis diuersis laboratoribus conductis pro .xiiij. batellis focalis apud lygh'wode <10> prosternendis et in fagottes preparandis et a dicto bosco de lygh' vsque ad aquam cariandis cum stipendiis diuersorum <11> hominum conductorum ad portandos dictos fagottes ad diuersas domos infra abbatiam vt patet in papiro dicti Computatoris <12> vnde pro camera domini abbatis .j. pro plumbario<sup>1</sup> .nichil . et pro coquina et hostillario .xij. per idem tempus precio batelle <13> .xiiij.s. iiij.d. et sic in toto hoc anno . . . viij.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d <14>

Summa . . . viij.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d. &lt;15&gt;

Potacio  
Conuentus  
cum  
expensis  
necessariis

Et in expensis Conuentus in festo sancti Michaelis pro missa in Capella eiusdem<sup>2</sup> celebrata vt in quadam <16> potacione valoris xij.d. eis annuatim in eodem festo data per tempus predictum . . . xij.d Et <17> in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . xij.d. Et in denariis solutis pro diuersis <18> rebus necessariis pertinentibus Coquine ibidem habitis et emptis videlicet Strayners [.v.d. ob. *above*] discis ligneis [.xiiij.d. *above*] Rippes <19> Scopis [ij.d *above*] et panno lineo [vjs. viij.d *above*] pro les Naprons Officiariorum Coquine et aliis necessariis inde fiendis hoc anno . . . viijs. iiij.d. ob. <20> Et in ciphis emptis pro hospicio domini abbatis hoc anno . . . ijs. iiij.d Et in vectura .iiijor doliorum [ijs viij.d *above*] et iij. hoggeshede [vjd *above*] vini a <21> villa Bristoll' vsque Monasterium hoc anno . . . iij.s. ij.d. Et in xix. lodes cirporum emptis hoc anno . lode ad .iiij.d <22> . . . vj.s. iiij.d <23>

Summa . . . xxij.s. ij.d ob. &lt;24&gt;

Custus  
circa . . .  
pipam  
aque  
ductam

Et in diuersis custubus hoc anno factis circa emendacionem piparum aque ductarum<sup>3</sup> Monasterii predicti vt in stipendiis plumbariorum <25> victualibus pro eisdem ac plumbo et soldura ad idem opus emptis vt patet in libro dicti Computatoris super hunc Compotum <26> examinato et inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . nichil. <27>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;28&gt;

<sup>1</sup> This entry may be reminiscent of a period when much building was proceeding; we can find no other meaning for the word that would fit the sense here.

<sup>2</sup> *eiusdem* might refer to an otherwise unknown chapel of St. Michael in the Abbey Church, or merely to *Conuentus*.

[fo. Vd, 24-38.]

Custus  
circa focale  
vsque  
abbatiam  
habendum

Sed computat in denariis solutis diuersis laboratoribus conductis pro xiiij. batellis focalis apud lygh'wode prosternendis et in <24> Fagottes preparandis et a dicto bosco de lygh' vsque aquam cariandis cum stipendiis diuersorum hominum conductorum ad portandos <25> dictos fagottes ad diuersas domos infra Monasterium vt patet in papiro dicti nunc Computatoris vnde pro Camera domini abbatis j <26> pro plumbario<sup>1</sup> nichil pro coquina et hostillaria xiiij per idem tempus precio batelle xiijs iiijd sic in toto . . . ix li vjs viijd <27>

Summa . . ix li vjs viijd <28>

Potacio  
Conuentus  
cum  
expensis  
necessariis

Et in expensis Conuentus in festo sancti Michaelis pro missa in Capella eiusdem<sup>2</sup> celebrata vt in quadam potacione valoris xijd <29> sic annuatim in eodem officio data per tempus predictum . . . xijd Et in pergamento empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo <30> hoc anno . . . xijd Et in denariis solutis pro diuersis rebus necessarijs emptis et habitis pro Coquina videlicet Strayners [xd *above*] discis ligneis <31> Melys Rippes Scopis [viijd *above*] et pro panno lineo [vs *above*] pro les aprons Officio Coquine et alijs necessarijs [xxjd ob' *above*] inde fiendis hoc anno . . . viijs iijd ob <32> Et pro emendacione vnus olle ibidem hoc anno . . . ijs viijd <33> Et in ciphis emptis pro domino abbate hoc anno . . . ijs viijd <33>

Summa . . . xiijs jd ob <34>

Custus  
circa  
pipam  
aque  
ductam<sup>3</sup>

Et in diuersis Custubus hoc anno factis circa emendacionem piparum aque huius Monasterii vt in stipendio plumbarii victualibus <35> pro eodem ac pro plumbo ac soldura ad idem opus emptis vt patet in libro dicti Computatoris super Compotum examinato et inter <36> cetera Memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . iijs iijd <37>

Summa . . . iijs iijd <38>

<sup>3</sup> The underground leaden conduit from the spring at Pypehedde, near Jacob's Well, to the abbey.

[fo. vd, 29-49.]

Distribucio  
de . . .  
Elemosina  
domini  
abbatis

Et in denariis solutis pro .M<sup>l</sup>. xvij. allecibus emptis in villa Bristoll' ad distribuendum pauperibus aduenientibus in die anniuersarii <29> Roberti hardyng fundatoris huius Monasterii accidente infra tempus huius Compoti ac ad distribuendum in anniuersario <30> domine Eue que fuit vxor dicti Roberti ad aliam vicem infra tempus predictum necnon in allecibus datis pauperibus <31> tempore quadragesimali . videlicet a die Mercurii in Cineres vsque diem Iouis in Cena domini per .xliij. dies <32> die Iouis in Cena domini non computato . pro quolibet die .ix. vltra allecia superius distributa vt supra aceciam <33> ad distribuenda allecia pauperibus aduenientibus in Cena domini pro mandato faciendo . vltra allecia superius <34> distributa vt supra . vnde in anniuersariis dicti Roberti hardyng .CCC. et domine Eue .Cl. in tempore <35> quadragesimali per predictos .xliij. dies .CCC<sup>xx</sup>ij. vij. et in die Iouis in Cena domini .Ciiij. hoc anno . . . xvj.s. <36>

Summa . . . xvj.s. <37>

Stipendia  
famulorum

Et in denariis solutis Thome Clerk' Ianitori Monasterii predicti pro stipendio suo ad xxvj.s. viij.d per annum et <38> pro panetria boteria et coquina videlicet pro companagio suo xxxiiij.s. viij.d. per annum causa officij sui capienti <39> per septimanam viijd hoc anno . . . lxj.s. iiij.d Et in stipendio Nicholai houper valetti officij hostillarii abbacie <40> predicte hoc anno vt in precedentibus . . . : xxvj.s. viij.d Et in stipendio walteri Coci Conuentus ad .xvij.s per annum <41> vt in precedentibus et companagio suo ad xxx.s. per annum vt in Compoto Thesaurarii . de anno xix<sup>o</sup> precedente<sup>1</sup> vltra xl.s. <42> de consimili stipendio vt predictur allocatis in Compoto Coquinarii hoc anno . . . xlvij.s. Et in stipendio Roberti <43> Sprotte pagetti coquine ad x.s. per annum vt in precedentibus et xxx.s. pro companagio suo per annum vt in dicto <44> Compoto Thesaurarii . . . xl.s. Et in stipendio willelmi Carpynter pagetti coquine de stipendio suo ad xiiij.s. per <45> annum vt in Compotis precedentibus et xxvj.s. viijd per annum pro companagio suo vt patet in Compotis precedentibus ac regardo <46> dato eidem willelmo nomine vesture sue ad .v.s. per annum vt ibidem . . . xliij.s. viijd. De aliquo stipendio lotricis <47> abbacie lauantis mappas domini abbatis ibidem hoc anno nullam petit allocationem quia per dominum abbatem . Sed computat in Stipendio <48> Marione Griffith' lotricis Conuentus ad xx.s. per annum vt in Compoto Thesaurarii supradicti hoc anno . . . xx.s.

[fo. Vd, 39-56.]

Distribucio  
pro  
Elemosina  
domini  
abbatis...

Et in denariis solutis pro ix<sup>c</sup> allecibus emptis in villa Bristoll' ad distribuendum pauperibus advenientibus in die anniversarii <39> domini Roberti hardynge fundatoris huius Monasterii accidente infra tempus huius Compoti ac ad distribuendum in anniuersario <40> domine Eve que fuit vxor dicti Roberti ad aliam vicem infra tempus predictum necnon in allecibus datis pauperibus tempore <41> quadragesimali videlicet a die Mercurii in Cineres vsque diem Iovis in Cena domini per xliij dies die Iovis in Cena <42> domini non computato pro quolibet die ix. vltra allecia superius distributa aceciam ad distribuendum pauperibus <43> aduenientibus in Cena domini pro mandato faciendo vltra allecia superius distributa vnde in anniuersariis Roberti hardynge <44> supradicti CCC et domine Eve Cl in tempore quadragesimali pro predictis xliij diebus CCC et in die Iovis in Cena domini <45> Cl hoc anno . . . xijs iiijd <46>

Summa . . . xijs iiijd <47>

Stipendia  
famulorum

Et in stipendio willelmi Thorne Ianitori Monasterii predicti ad xxvjs viijd per annum et pro panetria boetria [*sic*] et Coquina videlicet <48> pro companagio suo xxxs [*sic*] viijd per annum causa officij sui capienti per septimanam viijd hoc anno . . . lxjs iiijd Et in stipendio <49> Iohannis Coke Coci Conuentus vna cum companagio suo ex conuencione cum eo facta hoc anno . . . xls Et in stipendio <50> alterius Coci Conuentus vna cum companagio suo ex conuencione hoc anno . . . xls Et in stipendio Roberti Coc' <51> pagetti Coquine de stipendio suo vt patet in Compotis precedentibus ac riguardo dato eidem nomine vesture sue ad vs <52> per annum vt ibidem . . . xliiijjs viijd Et in stipendio lotricis Conuentus ad xxs per annum . . . xxs Et in stipendio Iohannis <53> Burton' Scissoris Conuentus pro stipendio suo ad xvijjs viijd per annum et pro filo suo emendo vjs viijd sic in toto hoc anno <54> . . . xxv.s iiijd<sup>2</sup> Et in stipendio Ricardi Barbitonsoris Conuentus ad xxs per annum hoc anno . . . xxs Et waltero Philipps <55> seruienti Collectoris redditus predicti

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1472-1473.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. the Vestiar's account. Both officials profess to be paying the Tailor's salary, not his "companagium," and between the two the Tailor gets a good deal less than the kitchen boy; the Vestiar wants to allow him only 5s. for his thread, instead of the 6s. 8d. actually paid by this office.

[fo. vd, 49-71.]

Et in stipendio <49> Nicholai houper seruientis Iohannis Martyn' Prioris Monasterii predicti hoc anno vt in Compotis precedentibus . . . xx.s. Et henrico ap' <50> Guilym' scissori Conuentus pro stipendio suo ad .xviij.s. viij.d per annum et pro filo suo emendo .vj.s. viij.d sic in toto <51> ad .xxv.s. iiij.d. per annum vt in Compoto Thesaurarii predicti hoc anno . . . xxv.s. iiij.d.<sup>1</sup> Et in stipendio adam barbitonsoris <52> Conuentualis ad .xx.s. per annum vt in Compoto Thesaurarii predicti hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et Iohanni Griffith' Vicario sancti <53> augustini Minoris pro companagio suo ad xiiij.s. iiij.d pro medietate huius anni pro informacione Canoniorum <54> Iuuenum et aliorum puerorum in scola gramaticali infra abbatiam<sup>2</sup> hoc anno . . . xiiij.s. iiij.d Et in stipendio <55> Thome Benet adiuuantis Computatorem in Colleccione redditus tam huius officij quam officij anniuersarii Monasterii <56> sancti augustini Bristoll' vltra .xx.s. in Compotis dictorum officiariorum allocatos Titulo consuetudinis<sup>3</sup> et xxvj.s. viij.d pro <57> companagio suo per annum causa laboris sui in dictis officijs hoc anno . . . xxxiiij.s. iiij.d. <58>

Summa . . . xvij.li. xj.s. viij.d. &lt;59&gt;

Consuetudo Et in denariis allocatis prefato nunc Computatori pro calciaturis suis<sup>3</sup> ex conuencione etc causa officij sui per tempus <60> Compoti prout allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus . . . x.s. <61>

Summa . . . x.s. &lt;62&gt;

Solucio  
forinseca

Et in denariis solutis balliuis ville Bristoll' pro secta domini abbatis ad Curiam Mercati<sup>4</sup> in Suburbio dicte ville debita <63> racione diuersorum tenementorum hoc anno . . . ij.s. Et in .j. libra piperis empti pro redditu resoluendo Monialibus de <64> Bokeland'<sup>5</sup> hoc anno . . . xvj.d. Et in .j. libra piperis empti pro redditu resoluendo domo sancte katerine hoc anno . . . nichil <65> quia in pipere. <66>

Summa . . . iiij.s. iiij.d. &lt;67&gt;

Reparaciones. Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis et impositis super diuersis domibus infra villam Bristoll' in diuersis generibus <68> petrarum tam murorum quam tegulorum mearemio calce findul[is] clauis de diuersis sortis ferramentis plumbo ac <69> alijs materijs pro reparacione domorum predictarum necessariis emptis .vna cum stipendiis diuersorum artificum et laboratorum <70> infra

[*fo. Vd*, 56-69.]

pro stipendio suo ad xxvjs viijd per annum vltra companagium suum ad xxs per annum sic in toto <56> . . . xlvjs viijd Et Thome Selcockes valetto officii hostillarii abbacie predictae . . . xxvjs viijd <57>

Summa . . . xvj li iijs viijd <58>

Consuetudo Et in denariis allocatis prefato nunc Computatori pro calciaturis<sup>3</sup> suis hoc anno . . . xs <59>

Summa . . . xs <60>

Solutio  
forinseca Et in denariis solutis Vicecomitibus ville Bristoll' pro secta domini abbatis ad Curiam Mercati<sup>4</sup> in Suburbio dicte ville debita ratione diuersorum tenementorum <61> ibidem hoc anno . . . ijs Et in j libra piperis pro redditu resoluendo Monialibus de Bokelond'<sup>5</sup> hoc anno . . . nichil quia <62> in pipere Et in j libra piperis empti pro redditu resoluti domo sancte katherine hoc anno . . . xiiijd <63>

Summa . . . ijs ijd <64>

Reparaciones Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis et impositis super diuersis domibus infra villam Bristoll' vt in diuersis generibus petrarum tam <65> murum [*sic*] quam tegulum [*sic*] Meremio calce findulis Clauis de diuersis sortis ferramentis plumbo ac aliis materiis pro reparacione <66> domorum predictarum necessariis emptis vna cum stipendiis diuersorum artificum et laboratorum infra tempus predictum conductorum pro eisdem <67> domibus in diuersis locis defect' per eosdem emendendis et reficiendis vt patet in papiro dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc <68> Compotum in presencia domini abbatis et eius Conuentus debite examinato et

<sup>1</sup> See note 2, page 171.

<sup>2</sup> *v. Intr.*, p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. *i.* 88, *I d.*, 6.

<sup>4</sup> This was the Tolzey Court held in the Market: "Tolzey Court of our lord King held in the Market Court." *v. Tolzey Court Action Book*, 1480 (unpublished).

<sup>5</sup> Minchin Buckland, Somerset.

[fo. vd, 71-85.]

tempus predictum conductorum pro eisdem domibus in diuersis locis defect' per eosdem emendendis et reficiendis vt <71> patet in papiro ipsius Computatoris super hunc Compotum in presencia domini abbatis et eius Conuentus debite <72> examinato . ac inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . xix.li. iij.s. x.d <73>

Summa . . . xix.li. iij.s. x.d. <74>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM. . . . LXXVIJ.LI. XVIIJ.S. VIJ.D. OB. ET DEBENTUR. <75> . . . CLXIJ.LI. X.S. XJ.D. OB. ad quos oneratur de . . . xx.li. x.s. receptis <76> de firma molendinorum domini abbatis vocatorum Trivelmylles sic dimissorum Philippo Baker et Iohanni <77> Broughton' ad terminum annorum. ET SIC EST SUMMA DEBITI CONIUNCTA. . . . CIIJ IJ.LI. <78> XJ.D. OB. De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . x.s. soluti pro anniuersario domini Thome Bathoniensis et <79> wellensis Episcopi<sup>1</sup> hoc anno. Et ei . . . xl.s. soluti Fratri Iohanni Martyn' Magistro Noui operis pro pastura vocata <80> adderclyf' iuxta Bristoll'.<sup>2</sup> vnde oneratus est in Compoto eiusdem officij hoc anno . Et ei . . . xiiij.li. quas <81> liberauit Thesaurario Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll' post clausum huius Compoti sine tallio seu indentura ex recognicione <82> eiusdem Thesaurarii hoc anno . ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . CLXVIJ.LI. X.S. XJ.D. OB Contra quos oneratur <83> de . . . iiij.li. xv.s. xj.d. ob. quos predictus Computator recepit per manum domini abbatis de firma molendinorum <84> predictorum ad subsidium oneris sui hoc anno. Et sic debentur . . . Clxxij.li. vj.s. xj.d. <85>

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Thesaurario

[fo. vi, 1-4.] De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . iiij.li. xv.s. xj.d. ob. de quodam superplusagio per ipsum habito in hoc <1> officio hoc anno . causa superius immediate in pede huius Compoti annotata . Et ei . . . iiij.s. ob. diuersis <2> consideracionibus per dominum abbatem super clausum huius Compoti hoc anno habitis . ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . <3> . . . CLXVIJ.LI. VJ.S. XJ.D. <4>



[fo. Vd, 69-80.]

inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente <69>  
 . . . vj li xviijs iiijd ob' <70>

Summa . . . vj li xviijs iiijd ob' <71>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . LXVIII.LI VS  
 VIIJD ET DEBENTUR <72> . . . CCLIIJ LI XVIJS VD OB ad  
 quos oneratur cum . . . xxvjs iiijd <73> receptis de incremento  
 redditus diuersorum tenementorum videlicet ij tenementorum  
 in Frogmorestrete [iijjs *above*] tenementi Iohannis webbe  
 [iijjs *above*] <74> super Baccam sancti augustini tenementi  
 Thome hankyns [iijjs *above*] in horstrete tenementi willelmi  
 webbeley [vjs viiij *above*] <75> in vico beate Marie tenementi  
 Petri Caritas [iijjs iiijd *above*] in Redeclyfstrete tenementi Thome  
 Staleworth' [iijjs iiijd *above*] <76> ibidem tenementi et gardini  
 [iijjs *above*] super Redeclyffhull' ad quos reoneratur cum . . .  
 xls de parte <77> x li in anno proxime precedente Thesaurario  
 Commune solutis ET SIC EST SUMMA DEBITI CONIUNCTA . . .  
 <78> CCLVIIJ LI IIJS IXD OB' De quibus allocantur ei . . .  
 vj li liberate Fratri Iohanni <79> Nuland' Thesaurario huius  
 Monasterii hoc anno ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . CCLIJ LI IIJS  
 IXD OB' <80>

reddit  
 Thesaurario

DE QUIBUS <81>

<sup>1</sup> Bishop Bekyington, Bishop of Bath and Wells [1443-64], *v.* also XIII d., 32.

<sup>2</sup> The pasture was presumably just below the cliff and close to Trivel Mills.

[fo. vi, 5-21.]

DE QUIBUS. &lt;5&gt;

Respectu-  
antur  
vjs.viij.d

Et . . . xiiij li vjs viij d de certo redditu vnus tenementi nuper  
in tenuta Iohannis Frampton' Militis in wynestrete et postea  
<6> Iohannis Burton' de Bristoll' et nuper Thome yonge<sup>1</sup> per  
tempus predictum ad vj.s. viij d. per annum . eo quod executores  
<7> dicti Iohannis Burton' detinent redditum predictum et idem  
Iohannes dum vixit eundem redditum detinuit vt in parte <8>  
solucionis cuiusdam summe per abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii  
predicti debite obscurand' de qua summa quamuis iniuste <9> vt  
dicitur petita . Postea executores dicti Iohannis Burton' conten-  
tantur [sic] in claris denariis per districciones inde <10> iniuste per  
eos captas vt supponitur de diuersis tenentibus certorum tenemen-  
torum huic officio pertinencium vsque proximum Compotum etc vt  
<11> interim preuideatur remedium per consilium domini abbatis  
etc ET SIC DEBENTUR VLTRA RESPECTUANTUR. . . . CLIIJ.LI.  
IIJ.D <12> VNDE. <13>

xij d	Tenentes ij. liberorum tenementorum in tenura willelmi Birde super Baccam sancti augustini ad <14> xij.d per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro v. annis proxime precedentibus . . . <15>	. . . vj.s.
viiij.d	walterum Grymstede de libero redditu suo .ij. tenementorum cum curtillag' in Brode- mede ad <16> iiij.s per annum vltra iiij.s. iiij.d inde solutos annuatim et viij.d inde aretro existente <17> tam pro hoc anno quam pro diuersis annis proxime precedentibus prout patet in Compotis precedentibus <18> Titulo defectus redditus <sup>2</sup> . . . <19>	. . . iiij.s. iiij d
ij.s.	Iohannem Shipward' de libero redditu vnus tenementi vocati Innynge ad signum albi Cerui <20> super le were ad ij.s per annum aretro existente per iiijor. annos prout in precedentibus . . . <21>	. . . x.s.

<sup>1</sup> Three noted Bristolians: John Burton, or one of that name, was Mayor five times between 1423 and 1451; Thomas Yonge was a friend of William Worcestre—"Item equitavi usque Shyrehampton, loquendo cum Thoma Yong armigero, pro ii libris meis recuperandis, unum de libro magno ethicorum, alium de libro vocato le myrrour de dames cooperto rubeo coreo et jantavi secum, dedit michi letum vultum pro amore patris sui cum uxore eius sui favore." Dallaway [op. cit., p. 87] gives a pedigree of Frampton which concludes with a John, son of the last of four Walters, who would have flourished about 1440; we cannot find a notable Sir John Frampton.

[fo. VI, 1-15.]

Respectu-  
antur

EI . . . xxj li de certo redditu vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Iohannis Frampton' Militis in wynestrete et postea Iohannis (1) Burton' et nuper Thome yonge<sup>1</sup> per tempus predictum ad vjs viijd per annum eo quod executores testamenti dicti Iohannis Burton' de Bristoll' (2) predicti detinent predictum redditum et idem Iohannes dum vixit eundem redditum detinuit vt in parte solucionis (3) cuiusdam summe per abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii predicti debite obstupand' de qua summa quamuis iniuste vt dicitur petita (4) Postea executores testamenti dicti Iohannis Burton' contentabantur in claris denariis per districciones inde iniuste per eos captas (5) vt supponitur de diuersis tenentibus certorum tenementorum huic officio pertinencium vsque proximum Compotum etc vt interim preuideatur remedium per (6) consilium domini abbatis ET SIC DEBENTUR VLTRA RESPECTUANTUR . . . CCXXXJ LI IIJS IXD OB' (7)

QUI SUNT (8)

	Tenentes ij liberorum tenementorum nuper in tenura willelmi Birde super Baccam sancti augustini ad xijd (9) per annum aretro existente per vj annos . . . . . (10)	. . . vjs
viiid	walterum Grymstede de libero redditu suo ij tenementorum cum curtillag' in Brodemede ad (11) iijs per annum vltra iijs iiijd inde solutos annuatim et viiid inde aretro existente tam pro hoc (12) anno quam pro diuersis annis proxime precedentibus prout patet in Compotis precedentibus titulo defectus redditus <sup>2</sup> . . . . . (13)	. . . xvjs viiid
ijs	Iohannem Sheperd' de libero redditu vnus tenementi vocati Innynge ad signum albi Cerui [et modo ad signum Georgij <i>above</i> ] super le (14) were ad ijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxiiij annis proxime precedentibus . . . . (15)	. . . 1s

<sup>2</sup> Either Walter Grymstede has frequently refused to pay more than 3s. 4d., or the Convent has just decided that he ought to have paid the full four shillings all the time. The transference of the entry from *Defectus Redditus* indicates that there is little expectation of getting the money. A burgess of this name was Bailiff c. 1466.

[fo. vi, 22-40.]

ij.s.	Martinum Boucher de libero redditu vnus tenementi cum curtillagio nuper in tenura <22> sua in Mercato ville Bristoll' ad ij.s per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc <23> anno quam pro xlij annis proxime precedentibus . . . <24>	. . . iiij.li. vj.s.
xiiij.s. iiij.d.	Tenentes vnus liberi tenementi in Cornestrete nuper in tenura Iohannis Boroughill' et <25> postea Daud Seriaunt ad xiiij.s. iiij.d per annum aretro existent' pro xxx annis et j quarterio proxime precedentibus. . . <26>	. . . xx.li. iiij.s. iiij.d
iiij.s.	Edwardum Berkeley armigerum vt in iure alicie vxoris sue filie et heredis Iohannis <27> Cockes de libero redditu vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Thome Fysshe in Baldewynestrete <28> aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xli. annis proxime precedentibus ad iiij.s. per annum . . . <29>	. . . viij.li.xij.s.
xviij.d.	Procuratores ecclesie sancti leonardi de libero redditu vnus tenementi quondam Poculchurche <30> in Baldewynestrete aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lxij annis <31> proxime precedentibus ad xviij.d per annum . . . <32>	. . . iiij.li. xiiij.s. vj.d
xij.d.	Tenentes vnus liberi tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Thome Coferer ad xijd per <33> annum aretro existent' pro diuersis annis precedentibus . . . <34>	. . . v.s.
xiiij.s. iiij.d.	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Iohannis Twynyhoo et antea in <35> tenura willelmi Skacy in wynestrete ad xiiij.s. iiij.d per annum aretro <36> existent' tam pro hoc anno quam pro iiij annis proxime precedentibus . . . <37>	. . . lxxvj.s. viij.d
xiiij.s. iiij.d.	Communitatem ville Bristoll' de libero redditu alterius tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura <38> predicti willelmi Skacy ad xiiij.s. iiij.d per annum aretro existente tam pro <39> hoc anno quam pro iiij annis proxime precedentibus . . . <40>	. . . lxxvj.s. viij.d.

[fo. VI, 16-32.]

ijs	Martinum Bouchour de libero redditu vnus tenementi cum curtillagio nuper in tenura sua in Mercato ville <16> Bristoll' ad ijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lxij annis proxime precedentibus . . . <17>	. . . vj li vjs
xiijs iiijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi in Cornestrete nuper in tenura Iohannis Beroughill' et antea Daudid <18> Sergeaunt ad xiijs iiijd aretro existent' pro xlix annis et j quarterio proxime precedentibus . . . . . <19>	. . . xxxiiij.li xs
iijs	Robertum Poyntz Militem filium et heredem alicie filie et heredis Iohannis Cockys de libero redditu vnus <20> tenementi nuper in tenura Thome Fysshe in Baldewynestrete aretro existente tam pro hoc <21> anno quam pro <sup>xx</sup> iiij [sic] <sup>1</sup> annis proxime precedentibus ad iijs per annum . . . . . <22>	. . . xij li xiijs
xviijd	Procuratores ecclesie sancti leonardi de libero redditu vnus tenementi vocati Pokulchurche in <23> Baldewynestrete aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro <sup>xx</sup> iiij annis proxime precedentibus <24> ad xviijd per annum . <25>	. . . vj li iijs vjd
xijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Thome Coferer ad xijd per annum aretro existent' <26> tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxiiij annis proxime precedentibus . <27>	. . . xxvs
xiijs iiijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Iohannis Tuynyhoo et antea in tenura willelmi Scacy <28> in wynestrete ad xiijs iiijd per annum aretro existent' tam pro hoc anno quam <29> pro xxiiij [sic] annis proxime precedentibus . . . . . <30>	. . . xvj li xiijs iiijd [sic]
xiijs iiijd	Communitatem ville Bristoll' de redditu alterius tenementi nuper in tenura willelmi Scacy ad <31> xiijs iiijd per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxiiij [sic] annis proxime precedentibus . . <32>	. . . xvj li xiijs iiijd [sic]

<sup>1</sup> The <sup>xx</sup>iiij j] here is clearly a scribal error for <sup>xx</sup>iiij j = 61, for which number of years the sum works out correctly.

[fo. vi, 41-57.]

xij.d.	Iohannem Shipward' de libero reddito suo vnus tenementi in Fisshereslane ad xij.d	
Super. . . .	{ <41> per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro v. annis proxime precedentibus . . . . <42> }	. . . vj.s.
xxvj.s. viij.d.	Tenentes vnus liberi tenementi in Cowelane nuper Iohannis More ad xxvjs. viijd. <43> per annum aretro existent' tam pro hoc anno quam pro v. annis proxime precedentibus . . . . <44> }	. . . viij.li.
xij.d.	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Iohannis More <sup>1</sup> in Bradestrete aretro <45> existent' tam pro hoc anno quam pro xvij. annis proxime precedentibus ad xij.d per annum . . . . <46> }	. . . xvij.s.
xv.d.	Tenentes certorum terrarum et tenementorum nuper henrici Gyldeney vocatorum Vphill' in Redeclyuestrete <47> de reddito eorundem aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lxiiij annis <48> proxime precedentibus ad xv.d per annum . . . . <49> }	. . . iiij.li. xv.d.
hoc anno solut'	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura domine katerine Seymour in . . . <50> Redeclyuestrete ad .vij.s. x.d per annum aretro existent' pro .iiij. annis vt in <51> precedente vltra .vij.s. x.d. hoc anno solutos . . . . <52> }	. . . xxiiij.s. vj.d.
xvj.d.	Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati haddons ibidem de reddito eiusdem aretro existente <53> tam pro hoc anno quam pro .lx. annis proxime precedentibus ad xvj.d per annum . . . . <54> }	. . . iiij.li. xvj.d.
x.s.	Procuratores ecclesie de Redeclyue de reddito vnus liberi tenementi nuper in . . . <55> tenura Elene atte Forde super Redeclyuehill' aretro existente tam pro <56> hoc anno quam pro lxiiij annis proxime precedentibus ad x.s per annum . . . . <57> }	. . . xxxij.li. x.s.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i, 65, note 4.

[fo. VI, 33-48.]

Super	xijd	Iohannem Sheperde de libero redditu suo vnus tenementi in Fyssherslane ad xijd per annum <33> aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxv annis proxime precedentibus . . . . . <34>	. . . xxvjs
xxvjs viijd		Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi in Cowlane nuper Iohannis Mauncell' <sup>1</sup> [et modo in tenura Iohannis Colas <i>above</i> ] ad xxvjs viijd per <35> annum aretro existent' tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxv annis proxime precedentibus . . . . . <36>	. . . xxxiiij li xiijs iiijd
	xijd	Tenentes vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Iohannis Mauncell' [modo in tenura Iohannis Colas <i>above</i> ] in Bradestrete aretro existent' <37> tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvij annis proxime precedentibus ad xijd per annum . . . . . <38>	. . . xxxvijs
xvd		Tenentes certorum terrarum et tenementorum nuper henrici Gildeney vocatorum Vppehill' in Redeclyfputte <39> de redditu eorundem aretro existente pro <sup>xx</sup> iiij annis proxime precedentibus <40> ad xvd per annum . <41>	. . . Cvjs ijd
		Iohannem Seymour Militem de redditu vnus tenementi liberi in Redeclyfstrete ad vijs xd per annum <42> aretro existente per iiijor annos vt in precedente vltra vijs xd solutos anno xx proxime precedente . . . . . <43>	. . . xxxixs ijd
xvjd		Tenentes vnus tenementi vocati haddons de redditu suo aretro existente tam pro hoc anno <44> quam pro <sup>xx</sup> iiij annis proxime precedentibus ad xvjd per annum . . . . . <45>	. . . Cviijs
xs		Procuratores ecclesie de Redeclyff de redditu vnus tenementi liberi nuper in tenura Elene atte <46> Forde super Redeclyfhull' aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro <sup>xx</sup> iiij annis <47> proxime precedentibus ad xs per annum . . . . . <48>	. . . xliij li xs

[fo. vi, 58-73.]

ij.s.vj.d	willelmum Iuyn' armigerum <sup>1</sup> de redditu vnus Gore terre super Redeclyuehill' ad <58> ijs. vjd. per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxxvj annis proxime pre- cedentibus . . . <59>	. . . iiij.li. xij.s. vj.d
ij.s.	Procuratores ecclesie de Redeclyue de redditu vnus tenementi in Pylestrete nuper in tenura <60> hobbes aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lxiiij annis proxime precedentibus ad ijs per annum . . . <61>	. . . vj.li. x.s
xviiij.d.	Eosdem proctores de redditu vnus tenementi vocati Tyard' ibidem per idem tempus <62> aretro existente ad xviiij.d per annum . . . <63>	. . . iiij.li. xvij.s. vj.d
Exitus anni iiij li. xixs. vd	Iohannem Steyner de redditu suo ad xvijs. iiij.d. per annum aretro existente pro vij annis <64> de quadam coquina cum camera super eandem parcella tenementi vocati haddons <65> pro eo quod predictus Iohannes tenuit coquinam et cameram illam ad tenementum suum quod <66> tenuit de Priore de witham in alto vico absque alio redditu per tempus predictum . . . <67>	Cxij.li. <sup>3</sup> xiiij.s. vij.d . . . iiij.li. vj.s. viij.d
	Matheum Iubbe de totali redditu tenementi sui in Cornestrete aretro existente anno iijcio precedente . . . lxvj.s viij.d. <68>	
	Fratrem Iohannem Mershefeld' nuper Compu- torem de arreragiis suis super determin- acionem Compoti <69> de diuersis annis precedentibus super ipsum determinat' prout patet in pede Compoti huius officij <70> de anno xv <sup>o</sup> precedente . . . <71>	. . . iiij li
	Fratrem Thomam Grene nuper Computorem de arreragiis suis vt patet in precedente . . . xxiiij.li. iij.s iiij <sup>d</sup> <72>	
	willelmum Russell' de parte exitus anni ij proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem Compoti . . . Cx.s. <73>	

xl li vjs viij d  
Ciiij.li. iij.d

DORS' COMPOTI COLLECTORIS REDDITUS COMMUNIS.

[fo. vid.] [Blank.]



[fo. VI, 49-58.]

ijs vjd	Willelmum Iuyn' <sup>1</sup> armigerum de redditu vnus Gore terre [modo in tenura Iohannis lowrynge <i>above</i> ] super Redeclyfhull' ad ijs vjd <49> per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro lvj annis proxime precedentibus . . . . . <50>	. . . viij li [ <i>sic</i> ] ijs vjd <sup>2</sup>
ijs	Procuratores [ecclesie de Redeclyff de redditu unius tenementi in Pyle <i>tear</i> ] strete nuper in tenura <51> Hobbes ad [ijs per annum aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro <del>iii</del> iiii <i>tear</i> ] annis proxime precedentibus , . . <52>	. . . viij li xs
xviijd	Eosdem procur[atores de redditu vnus tenementi vocati Tyard ibidem <i>tear</i> ] per idem tempus aretro <53> existente ad xviijd per annum . . . . . <54>	. . . vj li vijs vjd

Exitus  
anni . . .  
iii li xvijs vd

Fratrem willelmum Grekelade de arreragiis suis anni xiiij precedentis soluendis per Nicholaum longe Subcollectorem . . . . . ix li xjs vd ob <55>

Ricardum arthyum de arreragiis suis anni tercij proxime precedentis . . . Cxvijs ijd ob <56>

Fratrem willelmum wynter supra Computatorem tam de arreragiis suis iorum annorum precedentium [xiijs ijd ob <i>above</i> ] quam de exitu <57> officij sui huius anni [xliiis iiii <i>above</i> ] <58> .. .. .	lvijs vjd ob
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[fo. VIId.] [Blank.]

<sup>1</sup> Probably a son of John Juyn, the Recorder of Bristol, whose brass is to be seen in St. Mary Redcliffe.

<sup>2</sup> This total should be £7 2s. 6d.

<sup>3</sup> ∴ *above second letter.*

<sup>4</sup> Fr. Thomas Grene was not called upon to contribute a penny from these previous profits, though the year must have been an exceptionally trying one financially.

[fo. vii, 1-17.]

Officium  
Elemosinarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'      COMPOTUS FRATRIS HENRICI BRUGGES ELEMOSINARII IBIDEM A  
FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS  
HENRICI .VIJmi SEPTIMO .VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI  
EIVSDEM REGIS OCTAUO . <2>

arreragia.      Idem reddit compotum de . . . lxix.s. iiij.d. ob. receptis de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
eiusdem etc <3>

Summa . . . lxix.s. iiij.d. ob. <4>

Redditus  
assise in  
villa Bristoll'      Et de . . . vij. li. iij.s. receptis de redditu infra villam Bristoll'  
et in Suburbio eiusdem Soluendo ad iiijor. anni terminos <5>  
equaliter per annum vt patet in nouo Rentali ibidem facto et  
renouato anno xxxj<sup>o</sup> Regis henrici vjti<sup>1</sup> super Compotis preceden-  
tibus <6> examinato et probato . <7>

Summa . . . vij.li. iij.s. <8>

Redditus in  
Eston' et  
Feylond'      } Et de . . . xl.s. receptis de redditu Iohannis Spore walteri  
Pollard' et Iohannis Basse pro diuersis clausis terris [*sic*] et  
pasture cum <9> pertinentibus in Eston' et Feylond' nuper Ricardi  
Clyuedon'. Et de . . . xij.s. receptis de redditu vnus tenementi  
cum clauso et <10> passagi' [*sic*] apud Rowneham<sup>2</sup> sic dimiss'  
per annum etc <11>

Summa . . . liij.s. <12>

Exitus  
clausorum  
pasture<sup>3</sup>      Et de . . . xl.s. receptis de exitu vnus clausi pasture cum vno  
columbario situat' infra Curiam Elemosinarii nuper in <13> tenura  
Simonis Boucher sic dimiss' Thome lyeke hoc anno. Et de . . .  
vj.s. viij.d. receptis de exitu vnus alterius <14> parcelle dicti  
clausi pasture nuper in tenura dicti Simonis per annum sic dimisse  
Iohanni Chede hoc anno. Et de . . . <15> .viij.s. receptis  
de nouo pomerio et vno gardino vocat Nyweclose nuper in  
tenura Iohannis houper sic dimissis Iohanni <16> Richardes

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1452-53.

<sup>2</sup> v. xii d., 71 and XXI d., 24. There was a Star Chamber case over this ferry, the records of which conclude with depositions taken on January 25th, 1527-28.

[fo. VII, 1-15.]

Officium  
Elemosi-  
narii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll' } COMPOTUS FRATRIS NICHOLAI CHAPELL' ELEMOSINARII IBIDEM A  
FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS  
HENRICI OCTAUI VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS  
QUARTO <2>

arreragia } NULLA quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis predictus Computator habuit superplusagium prout  
patet in pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

Redditus  
assise in  
villa  
Bristoll' } Sed reddit de . . . vij li iiij s iiij d receptis de redditu infra villam  
Bristoll' et in suburbiis eiusdem Soluendo ad quatuor <5> anni  
terminos equaliter per annum vt patet in quodam Rentali inde  
facto et renouato anno xxxj<sup>o</sup> Regis henrici vjti<sup>1</sup> super <6>  
Compotum anni xij precedentis examinato et probato cum xvjd  
de incremento redditus hoc anno <7>

Summa . . . vij li iiij s iiij d <8>

Redditus in  
Eston' et  
Feylond' . } Et de . . . xls receptis de redditu diuersorum tenencium pro  
diuersis clausis terris et pasturis cum pertinentibus in Eston' et  
Feylond' nuper Thome <9> hillesey Et de . . . xijs receptis de  
redditu vnus tenementi cum clauso et passagio de Rowenham<sup>2</sup>  
sic dimiss' Georgio Colman' ad <10> terminum vite sue per  
scriptum indentatum Sigillo commune sigillatum <11>

Summa . . . lijs <12>

Exitus  
Clausorum et  
pasturarum<sup>3</sup> } Et de . . . xls receptis de redditu vnus Clausi pasture cum vno  
columbario scituat' infra Curiam Elemosinarii sic dimissi Iohanni  
<13> Nyweman' hoc anno Et de . . . vjs viij d receptis de exitu  
alterius parcelle dicti Clausi pasture sic dimisse predicto Iohanni  
<14> Nyweman' hoc anno Et de . . . viijs receptis de vno pomerio  
et vno gardino vocato Nyweclose sic dimissis Iohanni Becke <15>

<sup>3</sup> These closes and pastures should be compared with the list of Poulet's *Firme Bristoll'* for 1539-40 where many of the properties here mentioned are easily recognisable. In the 1428 Temporalities List mention is made of a pasture called *Amenerescourt* with dovecote upon it at £1 4s. od. *per ann.* and an orchard and garden called *Newclos* at 6s. 8d. : these may be identified with the *clausi pasture cum vno columbario scituato infra Curiam Elemosinarii* and the *Nyweclose* found in this Account.

[fo. vii, 17-36.]

hoc anno . Et de . . . vij.s. vltra ij.s superius in titulo redditus assise ville Bristoll' infra summam <17> de vij.li iij.s receptis de quadam pastura cum vno tenemento et curtillagio ibidem nuper in tenura willelmi Ferroure apud <18> Pypehed' sic dimissa Roberto longe hoc anno . Tamen solebat reddere ix.s. viij.d per annum. Et de . . . xiijs. iiij.d receptis <19> de exitu vnius domus et cuiusdam parcelle gardini vocati westhey sic dimissarum Iohanni Pety hoc anno Et de . . . vij.s. <20> receptis de exitu alterius parcelle dicti pomerij et gardini vocat' westhey nuper in tenura Iohannis Bromeley et postea in tenura <21> Iacobi Venables sic dimisse Roberto longe hoc anno Tamen solebat reddere xiijs. iiij.d per annum Et de . . . ij.s. receptis <22> de exitu vnius parcelle gardini ad finem de westheye sic vendito willelmo Chester hoc anno Et de . . . xj.s. receptis <23> de redditu ix. acrarum terre vnde ij. et dimidium iacent in campo de Clyfton' iuxta Redelane doun' [?] et vj. acre et dimidium iacent in campo <24> de Clyfton' sic modo dimissarum per dominum abbatem cuidam Roberto longe et vxori sue ad terminum viginti annorum per Rotulos <25> Curie hoc anno termini sui xiiij<sup>o</sup> <26>

Summa . . . iiij.li. xv.s &lt;27&gt;

Recepta  
denariorum  
de ~~monasterio~~ <sup>Thesaurario</sup>  
Thesaurario

Et de . . . xij.li. receptis de Fratre Iohanne Nuland' Thesaurario Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll' pro expensis Clericorum Capelle beate <28> Marie factis et soluendis ad iiijor anni terminos per annum etc <29>

Summa . . . xij.li. &lt;30&gt;

Recepta  
denariorum  
pro decimis  
in Marisco  
Canonicorum

Et de . . . vj.s. viij.d. receptis de dicto Thesaurario pro decima feni prouenientis de Marisco Canonicorum huic officio pertinente per annum <31>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d. &lt;32&gt;

Vendicio  
frumenti

Et de . . . C.s. receptis de precio xv quarteriorum frumenti venditorum vt extra hoc anno precio busselli .x.d per manum Iohannis lypeyate Collectoris <33> redditus de Portebury etc <34>

Summa . . . C.s. &lt;35&gt;

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXV.LI.  
vj.s. ob. <36>

[fo. VII, 16-31.]

hoc anno Et de . . . vijs vltra ijs superius in titulo redditus  
assise ville Bristoll' infra summam de vij li iijs iiijd <16> receptis  
de quadam pastura cum vno tenemento et vno Curtillagio ibidem  
nuper in tenura Thome lokyer apud Pypehed' sic dimissa <17>  
Nicholao Shepard' hoc anno tamen solebat reddere ixs viijd per  
annum Et de . . . xiijs iiijd receptis de exitu vnus domus  
<18> [et] cuiusdam parcelle gardini vocati westhey sic dimissarum  
willelmo Thorne hoc anno Et de . . . vijs receptis de exitu  
alterius parcelle <19> gardini ibidem sic dimisse willelmo Thorne  
tamen solebat reddere xiijs iiijd per annum Et de . . . ijs  
receptis de exitu vnus parcelle gardini ibidem <20> ad finem de  
westhey sic dimisse willelmo Thorne hoc anno Et de . . . xjs  
receptis de redditu ix acrarum terre vnde ij acre et dimidium <21>  
iacent in campo de Clyfton' iuxta Redlanedoun' et vna [sic] et  
dimidium iacent in campo de Clyfton' sic dimissarum Thome  
lokyer <22>

Summa . . . iiij li xvs <23>

Receptio  
denariorum  
de  
Thesaurario

Et de . . . xij li receptis de Fratre Iohanne Nuland' Thesaurario  
huius Monasterii sancti augustini pro expensis Clericorum Capelle  
beate Marie factis <24> et soluendis ad quatuor anni terminos per  
annum <25>

Summa . . . xij li <26>

Receptio  
denariorum  
pro decimis  
a Marisco  
canoni-  
corum

Et de . . . vjs viijd receptis de Thesaurario predicto pro decima  
feni prouenientis de Marisco Canonicorum huic officio pertinente  
per annum <27>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <28>

Vendicio  
instrumenti

Et de . . . Cs receptis de precio granorum ibidem hoc anno  
venditorum etc <29>

Summa . . . Cs <30>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XXXJ LI XVIIJS <31>

[fo. vii, 37-58.]

DE QUIBUS &lt;37&gt;

Resolucio  
redditus.

Idem computat in redditu resolutio procuratoribus ecclesie sancti augustini Minoris pro quadam tenura in villa Bristoll' <38> per annum . . . xij.d Et custodi anniuersariorum Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll' pro quodam clauso vocato Nyweclose per <39> annum . . . vij.s Et solutum est balliuis dicte ville pro longabulo domini Regis exeunte de vno gardino in <40> Brodemedede hoc anno . . . vij.d. ob. <41>

Summa . . . viij.s. vij.d. ob &lt;42&gt;

Defectus  
redditus.  
Mons sancti  
Michaelis.Frogm'  
strete.<sup>1</sup>wodewel-  
strete

Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi cum pertinentibus super Montem sancti Michaelis vocati Ivehouse situati exopposito Fratribus <43> carmelitarum superius onerati ad x.s per annum vltra .v.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . v.s. ♣ Et in defectu <44> redditus .iiij. gardinorum in Frogstrete quondam in tenura Spyne<sup>2</sup> insimul superius similiter oneratorum ad xvj.s. <45> per annum vltra xijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiij.s Et in defectu redditus vnus gardini ibidem nuper in tenura <46> Iohannis Sely superius similiter onerati ad ijs. vj.d per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.d Et <47> in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Reginaldi Coke superius similiter onerati ad x.s per annum vltra <48> viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ij.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus gardini ad superiorem finem de <49> Frogstrete nuper in tenura Thome Danyell' superius similiter onerati ad ijs. iiij.d per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos <50> de exitu hoc anno . . . iiij.d ♣ Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in wodewelstrete nuper in tenura henrici <51> Baker superius similiter onerati ad .vj.s. per annum vltra v.s. iiij.d inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viij.d Et <52> in defectu redditus iij cotagiorum cum curtillag' nuper in tenura Ricardi Tyler superius similiter oneratorum ad iijs. vjd <53> per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs. vjd Et in defectu redditus vnus shope ibidem cum <54> gardino vocato le Nywerent nuper in tenura Iohannis Coke superius similiter onerati ad vj.s. viij.d per annum <55> vltra iiij.s inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ij.s. viij.d Et in defectu redditus vnus shope ibidem cum gardino <56> adiacente nuper in tenura Thome wyerdrawer superius similiter onerati ad iiij.s. per annum vnde nichil leuatur de <57> exitu hoc

fo. VII, 32-48.]

DE QUIBUS <32>

resolucio  
redditus

Idem computat in redditu resolutio Procuratoribus ecclesie sancti augustini Minoris pro quadam tenura in villa Bristoll' per annum . . . xijd <33> Et Custodi anniuersariorum huius Monasterii sancti augustini pro quodam clauso vocato Nyweclose per annum . . . vijs Et balliuis dicte <34> ville Bristoll' pro longabulo domini Regis exeunte de vno gardino in Brodemedede hoc anno . . . vijd ob <35>

Summa . . . viijs vijd ob <36>

defectus  
redditus

Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Frogmorestrete<sup>1</sup> vocati Ivehouse superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de <37> exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in defectu redditus vnus pasture cum columbario adiacentem nuper in tenura Iohannis haukyns superius <38> onerati ad xs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . viijs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in tenura <39> Thome Selcock' superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra viijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus <40> vnus gardini ibidem in tenura Michaelis Tayllour superius onerati ad ijs vjd per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc <41> anno . . . vjd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura willelmi Mewe in wodewellestrete superius similiter onerati <42> ad vjs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura <43> Iohannis Mody superius onerati ad viijs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vjs Et in defectu redditus <44> iij Cotagiorum cum curtillag' ibidem in tenura vicarii sancti augustini superius oneratorum ad iiijs vjd vltra ijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc <45> anno . . . ijs vjd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ad superiorem finem de Nywerent superius onerati ad <46> vjs viijd per annum vltra ijs vjd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiijs ijd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem <47> nuper in tenura Thome laborer superius onerati ad iiijs per annum vltra xijd. inde leuatos

<sup>1</sup> This street is commonly known either as Frog Lane or Frogmore Street, but some think Frogmere was the proper form.

<sup>2</sup> Possibly Thorne latinised.

[fo. vii, 58-75.]

Pype hede      anno . . . iiij.s. ☿ Et in defectu redditus iij tenementorum cum  
pertinentibus apud Pypehede superius similiter oneratorum <58>  
ad ix.s. per annum vltra viijs iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc  
anno . . . viijd <59>

Summa . . . xxij.s.<sup>1</sup> iiij.d <60>

Empcio } Et in denariis solutis pro pane et ceruisia carnibus et alijs  
victualibus hoc anno emptis pro expensis willelmi Cler . . .<sup>2</sup> <61>  
pro Clericis } Cantoris Ricardi . haukyns succentoris et .iij. puerorum beate  
Capelle } Marie virginis et vnus seruientis de elemosinario <62> existencium  
ad mensam suam de elemosina domini abbatis et Conuentus hoc  
anno vltra expensas frumenti vt extra furniti <63> prout patet  
per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc Compotum  
examinatam hoc anno . . . vij.li. xvij.s. viijd. <64>

Summa . . . vij.li. xvij.s. viijd. <65>

Empcio } Et in denariis solutis pro .xx. vlnis panni lanei coloris blode<sup>3</sup>  
panni lanei } emptis pro willelmo Cler . . [Cantore et Ricardo Haukyns] <66>  
et aliorum } Succentore et pueris de capella predicta ac seruiente dicti  
necessari- } Elemosinarii erga festum [Natalis domini hoc anno] <67> precio  
orum } vlne ijs vjd sic in toto . . . ls. Et pro tonsura eiusdem panni  
pro dictis } hoc anno . . . ij [s] Et [two or three words missing] <68> togarum  
Clericis . . } pro quinque pueris cum linura [xxd above] ad easdem hoc anno  
} . . . iiij.s. ij.d Et pro factura [two or three words missing] <69> Gyles  
} vna cum linura [xiiijd above] ad eandem hoc anno . . . xvij.d Et  
} pro factura vnus tunice pro willelmo [? Cler . . Cantore hoc] <70>  
} anno . . . v.d. Et pro iij. caleptris pro dictis pueris emptis ad  
} diuersa precia [hoc anno . . . sum illegible] Et pro quinque <71>  
} camisijs emptis pro dictis pueris ad diuersa precia hoc anno . . .  
} ij.s. v[several words missing]ellis et pectinibus <72> emptis pro  
} eisdem pueris hoc anno . . . vj.d. Et in ix. paribus caligarum  
} [two or three words missing] ad diuersa precia hoc anno <73> . . .  
} ij.s. iiij.d. Et in xx [paribus?] sotilarum emptis pro eisdem pueris  
} hoc anno . . . iijs iiij.d. Et in <74> cirotecis emptis pro cantoribus

<sup>1</sup> .∴ above first letter.

<sup>2</sup> Britton (p. 18) calls the Cantor William Clerk, as here, ignoring the fact that at vii d., 10 and 43, he is clearly named Thorne. Either one of the surnames has been accidentally transposed from a previous account, which might easily occur when both were named William, or Clerk is to be taken as a title commonly used in place of the surname.

<sup>3</sup> We are told that no significance is attached to these colours for the boys' cassocks.



[fo. VII, 48-66.]

de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs <48> Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura willelmi Boyce superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de <49> exitu hoc anno . . . ijs Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra ijs inde leuatos de <50> exitu hoc anno . . . ijs <51>

Summa . . . xljs ijd <52>

Empcio  
victualium  
pro Clericis  
Capelle

Et in denariis solutis pro pane et Ceruisia Carnibus piscibus et alijs victualibus hoc anno emptis pro expensis Ricardi Brampeston' Magistri puerorum <53> walteri Philipps Succentoris et iiij puerorum Capelle beate Marie virginis et vnus seruientis de Elemosinario existencium ad mensam <54> suam de Elemosina domini abbatis et Conuentus hoc anno vltra expensas frumenti vt extra furniti prout patet per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris <55> super hunc Compotum examinatam hoc anno . . . xij li <56>

Summa . . . xij li <57>

Empcio  
panni linei  
et aliorum  
necessari-  
orum  
pro dictis  
pueris . . .

Et in denariis solutis pro xxiiij virgis panni lanei violett' coloris<sup>3</sup> emptis pro Ricardo Brampeston' Magistro puerorum waltero Philipps <58> Succentore et iiij pueris dicte Capelle erga festum Natalis domini hoc anno precio virge ijs vjd . . . lxs Et pro factura [ijs *above*] et <59> tonsura [viijd *above*] iiij togarum pro dictis pueris hoc anno . . . ijs viiid Et pro xvj virgis panni lanei de albo frasio emptis pro duplicatis <60> predictarum togarum hoc anno . . . viijs viiid Et in diuersis necessarijs emptis pro willelmo wryngton' hoc anno prout parcella <61> earundem euidenter apparet in parcella dicti nunc Computatoris . . . xvs ixd Et pro factura duarum tunicarum pro duobus pueris <62> hoc anno . . . xjd Et in denariis solutis pro xij camisijs emptis pro dictis pueris hoc anno . . . viijs Et pro xvj <63> [*? vlnis—word missing*] panni linei emptis pro ij paribus linthiaminum inde fiendis pro dictis pueris hoc anno . . . viijs Et pro sotularibus <64> emptis pro dictis pueris vna cum suppeditacione eorundem hoc anno . . . xj.s iiijd Et pro xx paribus caligarum emptis <65> pro dictis pueris [ *MS torn*]

[fo. vii, 75-80.]

pre[dicte] Capelle in festo sancti Nicholai Episcopi hoc anno . . .  
 x.d. Et in [one or two words missing] <75> [several words illegible]  
 dictorum puerorum hoc anno . . . iiij.s. iiiij.d. Et in [. . .]acione  
 vnus [word missing] <76> [hoc] anno . . . viij.d. <77>

Summa . . . lxxiiij.s.<sup>2</sup> iiiij.d. <78>

verte <79>

## OFFICIUM ELEMOSINARII. &lt;80&gt;

[fo. viid, 1-13.]

Custus  
 Neces-  
 sariorum

Et in pergamenno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno  
 . . . vj.d Et in denariis [solutis barbitonsori] <1> pro rasura  
 dictorum puerorum . . . xijd Et in denariis solutis cuidam lotrici  
 pro locionem linthiam[inum eorundem] <2> et aliorum necessari-  
 orum eidem officio pertinencium hoc anno . . . v.s. iiijd Et in  
 vna duodena candelarum [empta hoc <3> anno] . . . xij.d.  
 Et in focali empto super expensis puerorum de Capella hoc anno  
 . . . vij.s. Et [in . . . . . <4> . . . . .]is emptis ad vsum  
 officij predicti ac circulacione vasorum in eodem officio existencium  
 hoc anno . . . [sum missing] <5> Et in [two words illegible] papir'  
 pro canticis inde inscribendis hoc anno . . . iij.d. Et willelmo  
 Colsten' <6> ve[ctori ?] pro expensis vnus pueri se[ . . . . .]ucti  
 de wyndesore hoc anno . . . xx.d. Et Iohanni Sauage pro  
 conduccione <7> ij. equorum ad querendum Iohannem [. . . . .]  
 Cantorem a wyndesore predicta hoc anno . . . xx.d. <8>

Summa . . . xx.s.<sup>3</sup> iiiij.d. <9>

Stipendia

Et in denariis solutis willelmo [xls above] Thorne Cantori capelle  
 beate Marie [et] Magistro puerorum eiusdem Capelle <10> et  
 Ricardo [xls above] haukyns Succentori. necnon Iohanni [xxs  
 above] Peryn' seruienti eiusdem Elemosinarii ad xx.s. per annum  
 [hoc] <11> anno . . . C.s. <12>

Summa . . . C.s. <13>

[fo. VII, 66-69.]

iiijs ijd Et pro Communione (?) willelmi wryngton'<sup>1</sup> et Matthei<sup>4</sup>  
hoc anno . . . vjd Et in zonis [iiijsd *above*] <66> cult[ellis? *several*  
*words missing*] iiijs vijd Et pro emendacione superpellicium hoc  
anno . . . xviijsd <67> Et [ *MS torn*] Capelle in festo  
sancti Nicholai hoc anno . . . xijd <68>

[Summa . . . *MS torn*] vj li vijs jd <69>

[Foot of membrane torn away and missing.]

[fo. VIIId, 1-8.]

ustus  
ecessari-  
rum

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno  
. . . vjd Et in denariis solutis Barbitonsori <1> pro rasura  
dictorum puerorum hoc anno . . . xijd Et in denariis solutis  
cuidam lotrici pro locione linthiaminum <2> eorundem et aliorum  
necessariorum eidem officio pertinencium hoc anno . . . vs <3>

Summa . . . vjs vjd <4>

tipendia  
amulorum

Et in denariis solutis Ricardo Brampeston' [lxvjs viijsd *above*]  
Magistro puerorum Capelle beate Marie hoc anno waltero Philipps  
[liijs iiijsd *above*] Succentori <5> eiusdem Capelle hoc anno et  
Iohanni Turner [xxvjs viijsd *above*] Cantori hoc anno necnon  
diuersis aliis Cantoribus seruientibus eiusdem <6> Elemosinarii hoc  
anno prout allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus <7>

Summa . . . vij li vjs viijsd <8>

<sup>1</sup> William Wryngton' is regularly called a *conversus* by the Cellerar and Kitchener, but at XIII d., 35, the Treasurer pays £1 18s. 4d. *pro habi' et pro aliis diuersis necessarijs emptis pro willelmo wryngton' Novicio hoc anno admisso*. This entry and the one above show that Wryngton, who had been a *conversus*, became a novice in 1511-12. For all that we know of his later career v. Appendix I.

<sup>2</sup> ∴ *above second and third letters*.

<sup>3</sup> ∴ *above first letter*.

<sup>4</sup> Unless this "Matthew" is a scribal error for "Morgan" Llewellyn, the *Conversus* so often mentioned alongside William Wryngton, we are at a loss to explain his identity.

[fo. viid, 14-29.]

Expense  
forinsece.

Et in denariis solutis diuersis breuigerulis<sup>1</sup> venientibus in obitis diuersorum religiosorum Monasteriorum [Anglie ex consuetudine] <14> ab antiquo vsitata vltra panes de Elemosina eis liberatos hoc anno . . . x.d. Et in den[ariis solutis] <15> diuersis pauperibus Monasterio predicto aduenientibus causa elemosine domini abbatis et eius Conuentus hoc anno . . . [ijs viijd] <16>

Summa . . . iij.s. vj.d &lt;17&gt;

Reparaciones.

Et computat in denariis solutis Thome kempe Tegulatori tegulanti et emendenti diuersos defectus domorum huic [officio] <18> pertinencium . vna cum petris tegul' lathes lathnayll' Tylepinnes calce mussetis crestys cum alijs diuersis <19> necessariis ad predictam reparacionem hoc anno emptis vt patet per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc compotum d[e]claratam <20> examinatam et inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanentem et atting' ad . . . xxix.s. xj.d. <21> Et in reparacione muri petrini apud westhey hoc anno per dominum abbatem facta<sup>2</sup> prout patet per parcellam inde . . . xxvj.s. vj.d. <22>

Summa . . . lvj.s. v.d &lt;23&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum.

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus abbacie pro speciebus eidem assignatis per annum . . . xij.d. <24>  
Et ad eandem participacionem pro O.<sup>3</sup> ipsius Elemosinarii assign' per annum ex antiqua consuetudine . . . x.s. <25>  
Et ad eandem participacionem pro quodam Iantaculo dicti Conuentus tempore laboris hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d.<sup>4</sup> <26>  
Et ad eandem participacionem pro vino [in die *above*] sancti Iacobi<sup>5</sup> prout moris est per annum . . . viij.s. <27>  
Et ad eandem participacionem pro terris et tenementis in Eston' pro porcione dicti Conuentus vt in precedente . . . xij.s. ij.d <28>

Summa . . . xxxvij.s. x.d &lt;29&gt;

[fo. VIIId, 9-22.]

Expense  
orinsece

Et in denariis solutis diuersis Breuigerulis<sup>1</sup> venientibus in obitis diuersorum religiosorum Monasteriorum anglie ex consuetudine <9> ab antiquo vsitata vltra panes de Elemosina eis liberatos hoc anno . . . iiij s ijd <10>

Summa . . . iiij s ijd <11>

Reparaciones

Et computat in denariis solutis quibusdam Carpentariis lathamis Tegulatoribus et [aliis] emendantibus defectus diuersarum domorum huic <12> officio pertinencium vna cum meremio petris tegulum [sic] findulis lathnayles Tylepynnes Calce Mussetis Conis cum aliis necessarijs <13> ad predictam reparacionem hoc anno emptis vt patet per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc Computum ostensam et examinatam <14> ac inter cetera memoranda Comptorum huius anni remanentem atting' in toto hoc anno . . . xjs jd ob' <15>

Summa . . . xjs jd ob' <16>

Liberacio  
denariorum

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus abbacie pro speciebus eidem assignatis

per annum . . . . . xijd <17>

Et ad eandem participacionem pro O<sup>3</sup> ipsius Elemosinarii assign' per annum ex antiqua consuetudine . . . . . xs <18>

Et ad eandem participacionem pro Iantaculo dicti Computatoris tempore laboris sui<sup>4</sup> . . . vjs viijd <19>

Et ad eandem participacionem pro vino in die sancti Iacobi<sup>5</sup> prout consuetum est . . . viijs <20>

Et ad eandem participacionem pro terris et tementis in Estone pro porcione dicti Conuentus . . xijs ijd <21>

Summa . . . xxxvijs xd <22>

<sup>1</sup> v. Glossary.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. at the special order of the abbot, this being an extraordinary expense. Probably the wall was a field wall for which the tenant was normally responsible.

<sup>3</sup> v. Glossary.

<sup>4</sup> v. Intr., p. 57.

<sup>5</sup> This celebration may possibly be connected with the Dedication of Wigmore Abbey to St. James.

[fo. viid, 30-49.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXIIII.LI. IJ.S.  
 OB. ET DEBENTUR <30> . . . XJ.LI. IIIJ.S. ad quos oneratur  
 de . . . xvj.d de incremento redditus vnus tenementi in  
 wodewell' <31> strete nuper in tenura Rogeri Coke vltra .vj.s.  
 viijd superius oneratos in titulo redditus assise <32> assise  
 [sic] ville Bristoll' vt reddit ad summam .viij.s. de redditu per  
 annum ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . <33> . . . XJ.LI. v.s. IIIJD  
 De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori . . . x.li. xvijs. iijd ob.  
 reddit Thesaurario quos <34> liberauit Fratri Iohanni Nuland' Thesaurario Monasterii  
 sancti augustini Bristoll' super determinacionem huius Compoti  
 <35> sine tallio seu indentura ex recognicione eiusdem Thesaurarii  
 hoc anno . ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . VIIJ.S. OB. <36>

QUI SUNT. &lt;37&gt;

Super. . . . Fratrem Ricardum walker nunc priorem sancte Frideswide  
 Oxon'<sup>1</sup> de arreragijs suis <38> anni viij. proxime precedentis.  
 prout patet in pede Compoti huius officij eiusdem anni <39>

Frumentum. INFRASCRIPITUM COMPUTUM<sup>2</sup> reddit compotum de . . . xv.  
 quarterijs frumenti receptis de Fratre Iohanne Nuland' Cellerario  
 Monasterii sancti <40> augustini Bristoll' pro diuersis expensis  
 inde faciendis vt inferius hoc anno. <41>

Summa . . . xv. quarteria &lt;42&gt;

De aliquibus quarterijs frumenti receptis pro expensis willelmi  
 Thorne Cantoris et Ricardi haukyns et [blank] puerorum de  
 Capella beate <43> Marie ac vnus seruientis de Elemosinario ad  
 mensam eiusdem Elemosinarii hoc anno ac aliorum pauperum  
 et <44> portitorum breuettium adueniencium de diuersis Monasteriis  
 cum diuersis breuettibus in obitis diuersorum religiosorum ad  
 diuersas <45> vices infra tempus compoti . que ad xv. quarteria  
 communibus annis estimantur . per iornale dicti Computatoris  
 super diuersos Compotos <46> examinatum in precedent' non  
 petit allocacionem hoc anno . eo quod dictum frumentum venditur  
 vt patet infra . et panes pro expensis <47> personarum superius  
 recitarum [sic] empti existunt infra villam Bristoll' vt patet  
 ibidem etc. <48>

Summa que supra . &lt;49&gt;

[*fo.* VIIId, 23-36.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXXJ LI IJS  
IJD ET <23> DEBENTUR . . . XIIIJS XD Qui allocantur dicto  
Computatori de parte <24> xxxs vijd ob' de quodam Super-  
plusagio pendente in pede Compoti anni proxime <25>  
precedentis ET SIC ADHUC HABET SUPERPLUSAGIUM . . . XVS  
IXD OB <26>

Frumentum INFRASCRIPUS COMPUTATOR reddit compotum de xv quarteriis  
frumenti receptis de Fratre Roberto Elyot Cellerario huius  
Monasterii pro diuersis <27> expensis vt patet inferius etc <28>

Summa . . . xv quarteria <29>

De aliquibus quarteriis frumenti receptis pro expensis Ricardi  
Brampeston' Magistri Capelle walteri Philipps Succentoris et iiij  
<30> puerorum Capelle . beate Marie ac vnus seruientis de  
Elemosinario ad mensam eiusdem Elemosinarii hoc anno ac  
aliorum <31> pauperum et portitorum breuettium adueniencium  
de diuersis Monasteriis cum diuersis breuettibus in obitis  
diuersorum religiosorum ad diuersas vices <32> infra tempus  
Compoti que ad xv quarteria communibus annis estimantur per  
Iornale dicti Computatoris super diuersos Compotos examinatum  
<33> in precedent' non petit allocacionem hoc anno eo quod dictum  
frumentum venditur vt patet infra et panes pro expensis  
personarum <34> superius recitarum [*sic*] empti sunt infra villam  
Bristoll' vt patet ibidem <35>

Summa que supra <36>

<sup>1</sup> This appointment, confirmed in 1484 [*v. Cal. Litt. Pat.*], was confused by Dugdale with the election of an abbot to Bristol.

<sup>2</sup> The word here used is "Comp̄m," though in all other cases in these accounts this would be found only as the accusative of "Compūs"; nowhere do we find the middle vowel. We have adopted the usual transliteration "Compotus," but it should be pointed out that in the Cathedral accounts, which exist from 1550 onwards, the word is invariably "Computum"; thus we cannot be sure that the "m" here was a slip, and we are not wholly confident that the middle vowel should be taken as "o"; the neuter plural "Compota" also occurs once, at XIIIId. 2.

[fo. viii, 1-20.]

Officium  
hostillarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristol'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS ROBERTI ELYOT HOSTILLARII IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI REGIS <1> HENRICI  
.VIJMI. SEPTIMO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS  
OCTAUO. <2>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . xxiiij.li. iiij.s. vij.d. receptis de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
ibidem etc <3>

Summa . . . xxiiij.li. iiij.s. vij.d <4>

Redditus.

Et de . . . x.s. receptis de redditu assise vnus mesuagii et  
dimidii virgate terre cum suis pertinentibus que nuper fuerunt  
<5> Iohannis Beket in Farenburgh<sup>1</sup> per annum . Et de . . . xls  
receptis de Collectore redditus de Portebury de redditu vnus <6>  
tenementi in Clyuedon' vocati Edyesplace huic officio ad subsidium  
eiusdem assignato per willelmum hunte nuper abbatem Monasterii  
<7> predicti etc <8>

Summa . . . l.s. <9>

Vendicio  
lini.

Et de . . . v.s. receptis de vendicione lini prouenientis de decima  
parochianorum de Berkeley sic venditi hoc anno Tamen nuper  
ad <10> vjs<sup>2</sup> Et de . . . vj.d receptis de vendicione lini  
prouenientis de decima parochianorum de Tykenham hoc anno  
Tamen nuper ad iijs iiijd <11> per annum Et de . . . xijd  
receptis de vendicione lini prouenientis de decima parochianorum  
de Portebury sic venditi hoc anno Tamen <12> nuper ad iij.s iiij.d  
per annum Et de . . . vj.d receptis de vendicione lini prouenientis  
de decima parochianorum personatus de <13> Clyuedon' hoc anno  
Tamen solebat vendi pro .ij.s iiij.d per annum . Et de . . .  
xijd. receptis de vendicione lini prouenientis <14> de decima  
parochianorum de asshelworth' sic venditi hoc anno Tamen  
solebat vendi pro xx.d. per annum . <15>

Summa . . . viij.s <16>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS. . . XXVJ.LI. IJ.S.  
VIJ.D <17>

DE QUIBUS . <18>

Custus  
necessariorum

Idem computat in pergamento empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ij.d Et in discis ligneis et ciphis vocatis  
<19> Godardes habitis et emptis hoc anno . . . nichil . Et in



[fo. VIII, 1-18.]

Officium Hostillarii Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol'	}	COMPOTUS FRATRIS NICHOLAI CHAPELL' HOSTILLARII IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUDEM REGIS QUARTO . <2>
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arreragia      IDEM reddit compotum de xxv li iijs ijd de arreragiis Compoti  
anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem <3>  
Summa . . . xxv li iijs ijd <4>

Redditus      Et de . . . xs receptis de redditu assise vnus Messuagii et  
dimidii virgate terre cum suis pertinentibus que nuper fuerunt  
Iohannis Beket in <5> Ferneburgh<sup>1</sup> per annum Et de . . . xls  
receptis de Collectore redditus de Portebury de redditu vnus  
tenementi in Clyvedon' <6> vocati Edyesplace huic officio ad  
subsidiu eisdem assignato per willelmum hunte nuper abbatem  
Monasterii predicti <7>  
Summa . . . ls <8>

Vendicio  
lini      Et de . . . nichil . . . receptum de vendicione lini decimalis  
prouenientis de decima parochianorum de Berkeley sic venditi  
hoc anno tamen <9> nuper ad vjs<sup>2</sup> Et de . . . viijd receptis  
de vendicione lini decimalis prouenientis de Portebury hoc anno  
Et de . . . nichil receptum de <10> vendicione lini decimalis  
prouenientis de Tykenham hoc anno tamen solebat vendi pro  
ijs iiijd Et de . . . nichil receptum de vendicione lini <11>  
decimalis prouenientis de Clyvedon' hoc anno tamen solebat vendi  
pro ijs iiijd Et de . . . xiijd receptis de vendicione lini <12>  
decimalis prouenientis de asshelworth' sic venditi hoc anno tamen  
solebat vendi pro xxd <13>  
Summa . . . xxd <14>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXVIJ LI  
XIIJS XD <15>      DE QUIBUS <16>

Custus  
necessariorum      IDEM computat in pergamenio empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ijd Et in Cirpis emptis pro aula et <17>  
Cameris in dicto officio hoc anno . . . ixs Et in discis ligneis et

<sup>1</sup> Possibly Farmborough, N. of Radstock. At present we have no other reference to this property, which in 1491-92 had paid no rent for thirty years and failed to produce any between then and 1511-12—*v.* lines 33 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *v.* Intr., p. 43. The reason for this progressive decline in the value of flax tithes is not given, but the fact is sufficiently startling: they used to be worth 16s. 8d., in 1491-92 they had fallen to 8s., and by 1511-12 to 1s. 8d.

[fo. viii, 20-41.]

cirpis emptis pro cameris in dicto officio pertinentibus hoc anno . . . vj.s. Et in <20> celaturis et cortinis de nouo factis circa lectum in camera regia<sup>1</sup> videlicet in ix. vlnis [iij.s. ix.d. *above*] de canvas vln' ad v.d. iij [vjs iij.d. *above*] libris et j. quarterio <21> frenge .libr' ad xvij.d et xxxvii [xix.d. *above*] virgis et dimidio de lyre. virg' ad .ob. emptis . vna cum [vs. *above*] factura inde hoc anno . . . xvj.s. viij.d <22> Et in emendacione vnus superpellectilis in dicto officio existentis hoc anno . . . xx.d. Et in circulacione vasorum ligneorum <23> ad dictum officium pertinencium hoc anno . . . vj.d. <24>

Summa . . . xxv.s. &lt;25&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad participacionem  
Conuentus

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem domini abbatis et eius Conuentus ad ij vices <26> infra dictum tempus huius Compoti modo vsitato scilicet prima vice pro speciebus <27> xij.d et alia vice pro le O dicti hostillarii sic in denariis assignatis x.s.<sup>2</sup> sic in <28> toto hoc anno . . . . . <29>

Summa . . . xij.d &lt;30&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXVJ.S. ET  
DEBENTUR . . . XXIIIJ LI. XVJS. <31> VNDE. <32>

Super . . .

Tenentes vnus mesuagii et dimidii virgate terre cum suis pertinentibus que nuper fuerunt Iohannis <33> Beket de Farenburgh' aretro existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xxix annis <34> proxime precedentibus ad x.s. per annum . . . <35> } xv.li.  
Fratrem Ricardum Baker nuper Computatorem tam de arreragiis suis quam de exitu officij sui <36> anni iijti precedentis . . . <37> } vj.li. xiiij.s. iij.d.  
Fratrem Thomam Grene nuper Computatorem de exitu officij predicti anni secundi precedentis . . . xiiij.s. iij.d. <38>  
Dictum Fratrem Robertum Elyot tam de arreragiis suis quam de exitu officij sui huius anni . . . .l.s. <39>

OFFICIUM HOSTILLARII . . . INFRA. &lt;40&gt;

OFFICIUM INFIRMARII . . . EXTRA. &lt;41&gt;

[fo. VIII, 18-35.]

ciphis vocatis Godartes habitis et emptis hoc anno . . . <18>  
 . . . iiijd Et in denariis solutis pro ix virgatis panni lanei emptis  
 pro lodicibus inde fiendis hoc anno precio virgate xd <19> sic in  
 toto . . . vijs vjd Et pro ix vlnis panni linei emptis pro  
 linthiaminibus inde fiendis hoc anno precio vlne <20> xd sic in toto  
 . . . vijs vjd Et pro factura eorundem hoc anno . . . xd <21>  
 Summa . . . xxvs iiijd <22>

Liberacio  
denariorum

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem  
 domini abbatis et eius Conuentus ad ij vices  
 infra tempus <23> huius Compoti modo vsitato  
 videlicet prima vice pro speciebus xijd et alia  
 vice pro <24> le O dicti hostillarii sic in denariis  
 assignatis x<sup>2</sup> [*struck out: nichil above*] sic in  
 toto hoc anno . . . . . <25>  
 Summa liberata . . . xijd <26>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXVJS IIJJD  
 ET DEBENTUR . . . <27> . . . XXVJ LI VIIJS VJD <28>

VNDE <29>

Super

Tenentes vnus Messuagii et dimidii virgate  
 terre cum suis pertinentibus que nuper fuerunt  
 Iohannis Beket <30> de Ferneburgh' aretro  
 existente tam pro hoc anno quam pro xlix annis  
 proxime <31> precedentibus ad xs per annum  
 . . . . . <32>  
 Dictum Computatorem tam de arreragiis suis  
 annorum precedencium quam de exitu officij  
 sui huius anni . . . . . <33>

OFFICIUM HOSTILLARII . . . INFRA <34>

OFFICIUM INFIRMARII . . . EXTRA <35>

<sup>1</sup> The royal apartments, which included a Queen's Chamber and Hall as well as the King's rooms (if we may trust the names given to what was left of them in the reign of Charles II), apparently occupied most, if not all, of the west range of the cloister. It was no infrequent occurrence for the king to stay at St. Augustine's rather than at the Castle: Edward IV stayed at the abbey in 1474; Henry VII visited Bristol in 1486, 1491 (Sept. 10th-14th), and possibly in 1497, on which occasions Nicholls and Taylor [I. 221-2] casually affirm that he stayed at the "Great House"—the name given to the house built on the site of the Carmelite friary in the time of Elizabeth; probably Henry also lodged at the abbey.

<sup>2</sup> Payments on the occasion of an "O" are no longer made, but why this bald and contradictory entry?

[fo. viiid, 1-17.]

Officium  
Infirmarii  
Monasterii  
infrascripti

COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI HOBBS CUSTODIS OFFICIJ PREDICTI  
PER TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum <1>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . vj.d. receptis de arreragiis  
Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede eiusdem  
etc <2>

Summa . . . vj.d <3>

Redditus.

Et de . . . vj.s viij.d. receptis de redditu vnus molendini aquatici  
cum clauso adiacente et x. acris terre cum pertinentibus in le <4>  
Combe iuxta westbury nuper in tenura Iohannis longe et modo  
dimissi Nicholao Rogers per annum etc. <5>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d <6>

Exitus  
gardini

De aliquibus denariis prouenientibus de exitu vnus gardini infra  
dictam abbatiam ad dictum officium pertinentis non reddit . quia  
solum eiusdem <7> disponitur in toto cum herbis pro solacione  
Conuentus abbacie predicte . Nec reddit de denariis prouenientibus  
de vuis in dicto gardino <8> crescentibus . eo quod disposit' fuit  
[sic] pro vergesio<sup>1</sup> inde ad vsum dicti officij faciendo hoc anno .  
Nec reddit de denariis prouenientibus <9> de prunis et volemis in  
gardino predicto crescentibus . eo quod expenduntur in camera  
dicti Infirmarii nunc Computatoris <10> in accessu Fratrum  
suorum ibidem ad diuersas vices infra tempus Compoti etc. <11>

Summa . . . nulla <12>

Recepte  
denariorum  
de Custode  
denariorum  
gracie

Sed reddit de . . . xxvj.s. vj.d receptis de Fratre Iohanne Martyn'  
Custode denariorum gracie vt pro diuersis in officio suo faciendis  
<13> vt inferius sicut in Compoto dicti Fratris Iohannis Martyn'  
in Titulo solucionis facte ad officium Infirmarii continetur <14>

Summa . . . xxvj.s. vj.d <15>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXIIJ.S.  
VIIJ.D. <16> DE QUIBUS. <17>

[fo. VIIIId, 1-17.]

Officium } COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI BURTON' CUSTODIS OFFICIJ PREDICTI  
Infirmarii }  
Monasterii }  
infrascripti }

arreragia Nulla quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis tunc Computator recessit quietus prout patet in pede  
ibidem <2>

Summa . . . nulla <3>

Redditus Et de . . . vjs viijd receptis de redditu vnus molendini aquatici  
cum clauso adiacente et ix acris terre cum pertinentibus in le <4>  
Combe iuxta westbury nuper in tenura Iohannis longe et modo  
dimissi Georgio Rede hoc anno <5>

Summa . . . vjs viij <6>

Exitus } De aliquibus denariis prouenientibus de exitu vnus gardini infra  
Gardini } dictam abbatiam ad dictum officium pertinentis non reddit quia  
solum eiusdem <7> in toto disponitur cum herbis pro solacione  
Conuentus abbacie predicte Nec reddit de denariis prouenientibus  
de vuis in dicto gardino <8> crescentibus eo quod disposit' fuerit  
[sic] pro vergesio<sup>1</sup> inde ad vsum dicti officij faciendo Nec reddit  
de aliquibus denariis prouenientibus de <9> prunis et volemis in  
gardino predicto crescentibus eo quod expenduntur in Camera  
dicti Infirmarii nunc Computatoris in accessu <10> fratrum suorum  
ibidem ad diuersas vices infra tempus Compoti <11>

Summa . . . nulla <12>

Recepte } Sed reddit de . . . xxvjs vjd receptis de Fratre Roberto Elyot  
denariorum } Custode Officii denariorum Gracie vt pro diuersis expensis in  
de Custode } officio suo <13> pertinentibus faciendis vt inferius sicut in Compoto  
Officii }  
denariorum }  
Gracie }

Infirmarii continetur <14>

Summa . . . xxvjs vjd <15>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XXXIIJS IJD <16>

DE QUIBUS <17>

<sup>1</sup> Verjuice, i.e. juice of unripe fruit; presumably a regular proceeding when the season was not good enough to ripen the grapes.

[fo. viiid, 18-34.]

Custus  
necessariorum

Idem computat in pergamento empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ij.d Et in quodam lantaculo domini  
abbatis et <18> Conuentus die lune proximo post festum  
assumpcionis beate Marie virginis in Infirmario hoc anno facto  
. . . <19> . . . xij.s. iij.d Et in stipendiis diuersorum labora-  
torum conductorum pro batillis focalium in dicto officio apud  
ligh' wode <20> prosternandis [*sic*] et preparandis in fagottes et a  
dicto bosco per aquam cariadis pro diuersis Canonicis in dicto  
officio <21> tempore infirmitatis eorum prout satis constat  
auditoribus per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc  
<22> Compotum ostensam hoc anno . . . xij.s. ij.d. Et in cirpis  
emptis per dictum Infirmarium erga festum assumpcionis beate  
<23> Marie hoc anno . . . nichil. Et in .j. clauē empto ad  
ostium aule Infirmarii hoc anno. . . ij.d. Et in vna cera <24>  
cum clauē emptā ad ostium iuxta latrinam in officio predicto  
existens hoc anno . . . iij.d. <25>

Summa . . . xxvij.s. ij.d &lt;26&gt;

Stipendium

Et in stipendio vnus pagetti dicto officio pertinentis hoc anno vt  
in annis precedentibus . . . v.s. <27>

Summa . . . v.s &lt;28&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus }  
pro speciebus suis extra <29> officium assignatis per } xij.d  
annum . . . <30>

Summa liberata . . . xij.d. &lt;31&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXXIIJ.S. IJ.D.

ET DEBENTUR . . . VJ.D. &lt;32&gt;

QUI SUNT . &lt;33&gt;

Super. . .

Fratrem Iohannem Dynham nuper Computatorem de arreragiis  
suis anni iijti. precedentis etc . <34>

fo. VIIIId, 18-31.]

ustus  
ecessariorum

IDEM computat in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ijd Et in quodam lantaculo domini  
abbatis <18> et Conuentus die lune proximo post festum  
assumpcionis beate Marie virginis in Infirmario hoc anno facto  
. . . xiijs iiijd Et in <19> stipendiis diuersorum laboratorum  
conductorum per [sic] batell' focalium in dicto officio apud lygh'  
wode prosternand' et in lez Fagottes preparand' <20> et a dicto  
bosco per aquam cariad' pro diuersis Canonicis in dicto officio  
tempore Infirmittatis eorum ibidem prout satis constat <21>  
auditoribus per parcellam dicti nunc Computatoris super hunc  
Compotum ostensam hoc anno . . . xiijs ijd <22>

Summa . . . xxvjs viijd <23>

stipendium  
computatoris  
sic]

Et in stipendio vnus pagetti dicto officio pertinentis hoc anno  
vt in annis precedentibus . . . vs <24>

Summa . . . vs <25>

Liberacio  
denariorum

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus }  
pro speciebus suis extra officium predictum <26> assig- } . . . xijd  
natis per annum vt in annis precedentibus <27> .. }

Summa liberata . . . <28>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . xxxijs [vii]

above] ET DEBENTUR . . . vjd <29> Quos soluit super

edit  
thesaurario

Compotum ET SIC RECESSIT <30>

QUIETUS <31>

[fo. ix, 1-21.]

Officium  
Noui operis  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS MARTYN' MAGISTRI NOUI OPERIS  
IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI <1> ANNO REGNI  
REGIS HENRICI .VIJmi. SEPTIMO . VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO  
REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS <2> OCTAUO . <3>

arreragia.

IDEM reddit compotum de . . . vij.li. xij.s. vj.d. ob. qua. receptis  
de arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in  
pede eiusdem etc <4>

Summa . . . .vij.li. xij.s. vjd. ob qua. <5>

Redditus

De .ix.s. de redditu diuersorum tenencium videlicet Iohannis  
Shipward' pro .ij cotagiis et vj acris terre et j acra prati per  
redditum <6> iiij.s per annum Ricardi wynchell' pro vno cotagio et  
vj acris terre et prati per redditum .iijs. per annum . lucie Orchard'  
pro <7> vno cotagio cum curtillagio per redditum xij.d et eiusdem lucie  
pro iiij acris terre et ij acris prati per redditum xijd per annum <8>  
non reddit hic . eo quod pertinet Firmario terrarum dominicalium<sup>1</sup>  
vt parcella Firme sue ex conuencione secum facta hoc anno . <9>

Summa . . . nulla <10>

Pensio

Sed reddit de . . . vjs. viij.d receptis de quadam annua pensione  
abbatis de Stanley pro decima feni parochialis ibidem hoc anno <11>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d <12>

Firma  
terrarum  
dominicalium  
et person-  
atus . . .

Et de . . . xj.li. vj.s. viij.d. receptis tam de firma terrarum  
dominicalium quam de firma spiritualium ibidem<sup>2</sup> Quas quidem  
<13> firmas Iohannes permissione diuina abbas Monasterii sancti  
augustini Bristoll' et eiusdem loci Conuentus concesserunt <14>  
Iohanni Poule situm Manerij sui in Codryngton' cum ij orrijs et  
boueris ac omnibus alijs domibus eidem Manerio pertinentibus  
<15> vna cum omnibus terris suis dominicalibus in wappeley et  
Codryngton' predicta . cum redditibus annuis tenencium suorum  
<16> ibidem cum eorum pertinentibus Concesserunt eciam prefatus  
abbas et Conuentus predicto Iohanni Poule omnes decimas  
garbarum <17> ad Rectoriam de wappeley quoquo modo spectantes  
cum suis pertinentibus . habendum et tenendum situm Manerij  
predicti cum <18> omnibus alijs domibus ibidem vt supra speci-  
ficatis cum terris dominicalibus atque cum redditu tenencium  
ibidem ac omnes <19> decimas garbarum ibidem vt supradictum  
est predicto Iohanni Poule a die confeccionis presencium vsque  
ad terminum vite sue <20> Reddendo inde annuatim prefato  
abbati et Conuentui ac successoribus suis vndecim libras sex



[fo. IX, 1-14.]

<p>Officium Noui Operis Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol' arreragia</p>	}	<p>COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS NULAND' MAGISTRI NOUI OPERIS IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI &lt;1&gt; ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS &lt;2&gt; QUARTO &lt;3&gt;</p> <p>NULLA quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime precedentis predictus Computator recessit quietus prout patet in pede ibidem &lt;4&gt;</p>
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Summa . . . nulla <5>

<p>Redditus</p>	<p>De ixs nuper receptis de redditu diuersorum tenencium videlicet Iohannis Sheperd' pro ij Cotagiis et vj acris terre et j acra prati per redditum iijs per &lt;6&gt; annum Ricardi wynchell' pro vno Cotagio et sex acris terre et prati per redditum ijs per annum lucie Orcherd' pro vno Cotagio &lt;7&gt; cum curtillagio per redditum xijd et eiusdem lucie pro iiijor acris terre et ij acris prati per redditum xijd per annum non reddit hic eo quod &lt;8&gt; pertinet Firmario terrarum dominicalium<sup>1</sup> vt parcella firme sue ex conuencione hoc anno facta. &lt;9&gt;</p>
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Summa . . . nulla <10>

<p>Pensio</p>	<p>Sed reddit de . . . vjs viijd receptis de quadam pensione abbatis de Stanley pro decima feni parochialis ibidem hoc anno &lt;11&gt;</p>
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Summa . . . vjs viijd <12>

<p>Firma terrarum dominicalium</p>	<p>Et de . . . xj li vjs viijd receptis tam de firma terrarum dominicalium quam spiritualium ibidem<sup>2</sup> Quas quidem firmas Iohannes permissione &lt;13&gt; diuina abbas Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol' et eiusdem loci Conuentus concesserunt</p>
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<sup>1</sup> i.e. the Firmar of Codrington below.

<sup>2</sup> The reason for the appearance here of almost the whole text of this lease is difficult to guess; to copy it in when it was first made was naturally convenient to the Accounter for future reference, but its repetition in full for eight years—and perhaps longer—is unaccountable.

[fo. ix, 21-43.]

solidos et octo denarios <21> legalis monete anglie ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie virginis et sancti Michaelis archangeli equaliter in Monasterio predicto <22> soluendos durante termino predicto Prouiso semper quod due principales camere eiusdem Manerij in parte australi eiusdem <23> scilicet tam inferior quam superior reseruentur ad vsum domini abbatis vel alicuius Confratris sui Officiarii aduenientis <24> ad superindendum Manerium predictum Et in eorum absencia predictus Iohannes Poule earundem camerarum vsu libere <25> gaudebit Et predictus Iohannes Poule Manerium predictum cum omnibus domibus supradictis sumptibus suis propriis <26> et expensis bene et sufficienter reparabit sustentabit et manutenebit tociens quociens necesse fuerit durante <27> termino predicto et illa sic sufficienter reparata et manutenta in fine termini sui predicti dimittet etc prout in quibusdam <28> indenturis inter partes predictas factis quarum data sunt primo die Decembris anno secundo Regis Ricardi tercij<sup>1</sup> plene <29> liquet. videlicet de firma predicta pro ij. huiusmodi terminis infra dictum tempus huius Compoti accidentibus hoc anno termini sui <30> viij<sup>o</sup> Tamen predicta firma spiritualium solebat affirmari pro .viij.li. per annum etc Pensione abbatis de Stanley <31> superius specificata et [sic] omnino domino reseruata . etc <32>

Summa . . . xj.li. vj.s. viij.d &lt;33&gt;

Exitus  
pratorum et  
pasturarum

De exitu vnus pasture vocate Canonclose et vnus prati vocati Canonmede apud wappeley que solebant reddere iiij.li. per <34> annum non reddit hic eo quod pertinet Firmario supradicto etc <35>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;36&gt;

Exitus  
pasturarum  
iuxta  
Bristoll'

Sed reddit de . . . xl.s. receptis de exitu cuiusdam pasture vocate adderclyf' iuxta Bristoll' sic dimisse Philippo Baker hoc anno . <37> Et de . . . xij.s. iiij.d. receptis de exitu cuiusdam pasture vocate Bemondesmede<sup>2</sup> iuxta dictam villam sic dimisse <38> henrico longe hoc anno . <39>

Summa . . . liij.s. iiij.d &lt;40&gt;

Firma  
quarrurie.

De aliquibus denariis receptis de vendicione lapidis in quarruria domini apud Dondray hoc anno non reddit ; eo quod dimittitur <41> Iohanni hillesey wilhelmo Grene et henrico walter ad firmam pro termino duorum annorum pro .xl. plaustratis petrarum <42> liberarum annuatim reddendis ad custus proprios eorundem Iohannis wilhelmi et henrici cariatis vsque Redeclyuehille<sup>3</sup> et <43>

fo. IX, 14-29.]

Iohanni Poule pro termino vite sue prout in <14> quibusdam indenturis inter eos confectis plenius poterit apparere et consimiliter in Compoto anni xix precedentis hoc anno termini <15> sui xxvii<sup>o</sup> Tamen firma spiritualis solebat affirmari pro viij li per annum Pensione domini abbatis de Stanley superius <16> specificata omnino domino reseruata etc <17>

Summa . . . xj li vjs viijd <18>

xitus  
rrarum et  
sturarum

De exitu vnus pasture vocate Canonclose et Canonmede apud wappeley que solebat reddere iiij li per annum non reddit eo quod <19> pertinet Firmario supradicto etc <20>

Summa . . . nulla <21>

xitus  
sturarum  
xta  
ristoll'

Sed reddit de . . . xls receptis de exitu cuiusdam pasture vocate addercliff iuxta Bristoll' sic dimisse Nicholao Sheperd' hoc <22> anno Et de . . . xiijs iiijd receptis de exitu cuiusdam pasture vocate Beamondesmede<sup>2</sup> iuxta dictam villam sic dimisse Ricardo <23> Taillour hoc anno <24>

Summa . . . liijs iiijd <25>

rma  
arrurie

De aliquibus denariis receptis de vendicione lapidis in Quarruria domini apud Dondrey hoc anno non reddit eo quod dimittitur <26> henrico walter ad firmam pro xxx plaustratis petrarum liberarum hoc anno reddendis ad custus proprios dicti firmarii cariandis <27> vsque Redeclyfhull'<sup>3</sup> et ibidem super solum Commune dimittendis <28>

Summa . . . xxx plaustrata <29>

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1st December, 1484.

<sup>2</sup> v. note 2, page 149.

<sup>3</sup> The boundary of the city ran here. The *solum commune* of the 1511-12 text might be the wide part of the street just without the gate; apart from this possibility we know of no "common ground" near Redcliffe Hill, which was occupied with houses and enclosed land.

[fo. ix, 44-62.]

ibidem dimittendis super solum ibidem etc hoc anno termini sui secundo . <44>

Summa . . . nulla <45>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXJ.LI. XIX.S.

IJ.D. OB QUA . <46>

DE QUIBUS. <47>

Resolucio  
redditus.

Idem computat in redditu resolutio Roberto Stanshawe pro terris et tenementis in wappeley per annum . . . vj.s. viij.d Et in <48> denariis solutis Rectori Ecclesie de Bitton' de quadam annua pensione sibi de eadem ecclesia debita per annum . . . xiijs. iiij.d. <49> Et archidiacono Glouc' pro procuracione sibi de dicta ecclesia debita per annum . . . vj.s. viij.d Et in denariis solutis balliuo <50> Episcopi Bathoniensis et wellensis dominij sui de Chyewe pro redditu quarrurie apud Dondray de eodem episcopo capte per Rotulos Curie <51> etc vnde copia irrotulatur in Compoto huius officij de anno quinto Regis Edwardi iiijti<sup>1</sup> per annum . . . xx.s. causa<sup>2</sup> perquisicionis noue <52> quarrurie ibidem nuper in tenura Ricardi Chook Militis anno tercio proximo precedente . <53>

Summa . . . xlvj.s. viij.d <54>

Custus  
necessariorum

Et in pergameni empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . vj.d De aliquibus custubus reparacionis cuneorum et <55> polleaxes ibidem facte hoc anno nullam petit allocacionem quia omnes huiusmodi custus predicti Firmarii tenentur facere per <56> conuencionem suam etc Nec de aliquibus denariis solutis pro lez wegges et Dreyes ac pro reparacione piller' <57> ibidem hoc anno quia pertinet prefatis Firmariis vt supra Sed computat in vino empto et dato Officiariis domini Episcopi <58> Bathoniensis et wellensis pro eorum amicia habenda ad ij. Curias ibidem hoc anno . . . viij.d. Et in denariis solutis pro .iiij. <59> plaustratis petrarum liberarum emptis de Iohanne hillesey apud Dondrey plaustratum ad .ijs. vjd. hoc anno . . . x.li. Et in consimilibus <60> denariis solutis eidem Iohanni pro xx lodis petrarum vocatarum lez Ragges ab eo emptis ibidem plaustratum ad xijd. hoc anno . . . xxs. <61> Et in denariis solutis prefato Iohanni hillesey pro cariagio predictarum .C. lodarum tam liberarum quam lez Ragges

fo. IX, 30-47.]

recepta  
rinseca

Sed reddit de . . . xj.li vjd receptis de Fratre Iohanne Nuland'  
Thesaurario huius Monasterii ad opus officij predicti hoc anno <30>

Summa . . . xj.li vjd <31>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XXV LI VIJS IJD <32>

DE QUIBUS <33>

resolucio  
dditus

Idem computat in redditu resoluto Roberto Stanshawe pro terris  
et tenementis in wappeley per annum . . . vjs viijd Et in  
denariis <34> solutis Rectori Ecclesie de Button' de quadam  
annua pensione sibi de eadem ecclesia debita per annum . . .  
xiijs iiijd <35> Et archidiacono Glouc' pro procuracione sibi de  
dicta ecclesia debita per annum . . . vjs viijd Et Balliuo  
Episcopi Bathoniensis et wellensis <36> dominij de Chywe pro  
redditu quarrurie apud Dondrey de eodem capte per Rotulos  
Curie eiusdem Episcopi vnde copia irrotulatur in Compoto <37>  
huius officij anno xxj<sup>o</sup> Regis henrici vijmi<sup>1</sup> prout plenius patet  
in eodem . . . xxs <38>

Summa . . . xlvjs viijd <39>

istus  
cessariorum

Et in pergamento empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo  
hoc anno . . . vjd De aliquibus custubus reparacionis Cune-  
orum et <40> pollaxes ibidem hoc anno nullam petit allocaci-  
onem quia huiusmodi custus fiunt per Firmarium quarrurie  
predict' pro tempore Nec <41> de aliquibus denariis solutis  
pro lez Dreys et wegges ac pro emundacione [sic] piller'  
ibidem hoc anno causa predicta Sed <42> computat de  
x lodis petrarum liberarum receptis de henrico walter de  
arreragiis suis anni proxime precedentis Et de . . . xliij  
lodi petrarum liberarum de <43> eodem henrico walter emptis  
hoc anno xxj pro xx precio lode ijs vjd sic in toto . . . C.s  
Et de . . . C lodis petrarum <44> liberarum . de Iohanne Rilbury  
hoc anno emptis precio lode xviiij sic in toto . . . vj li Et pro  
scapulacione earundem C lodarum <45> hoc anno . . . xxxjs iiijd  
Et pro cariagio predictarum C lodarum petrarum liberarum a  
Felton'<sup>2</sup> vsque Redeclyfhill' hoc anno . . . <46> . . . Cixs viijd  
Et Thome kynge pro cariagio predictarum xliij lodarum a Dondrey

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 1465-66 and 1506-07 respectively.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. 20s. because the rent was altered three years earlier when another quarry was leased from the Bishop.

<sup>3</sup> Felton lies two miles S.W. of Dundry village.

[fo. ix, 62-80.]

a Dondrey vsque <62> Redeclyuehill' cariagium ad xijd. videlicet .vij. cariagia pro .vj. vltra xiiij. cariagia [inde *above*] ex dono dato domino abbati hoc anno <63> . . . iiij.li. vj.s. De aliquibus denariis solutis prefato Iohanni hillesey pro cariagio .xx.<sup>1</sup> plaustratorum petrarum liberarum a Dondrey <64> vsque Redeclyuehill' hoc anno non petit allocacionem .eo quod idem Iohannes et socii sui subibunt onus inde .ratione <65> firme sue vt supra Titulo firme quarrurie hoc anno .Sed computat in denariis solutis pro cariagio .Clx.<sup>2</sup> lod[arum] <66> petrarum predictarum a Redeclyuehill' vsque porticum veteris ecclesie in Sanctuario Monasterii sancti augustini predicti .lod' ad iiij [d] <67> hoc anno . . . liij.s. iiij.d. Et in victualibus emptis per dictum Computatorem super expensis dictorum cariatorum ad mensam <68> ipsius Computatoris ad diuersas vices hoc anno existencium . . . xiiij.s. ij.d <69>

Summa . . . xviiij.li. xiijs viij.d. &lt;70&gt;

Empcio  
bladi.

NULLA . &lt;71&gt;

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . xxj.li. iiij.d.

ET DEB[ENTUR] &lt;72&gt; . . . xviiij.s. x.d. OB. QUA.

ad quos oneratur de . . . iiij[li. xij.s. vij.d. qua.] <73> receptis de parte arreragiorum ipsius Computatoris existentis in officio Sacriste Monasterii predicti pro[ut patet in] <74> pede Compoti eiusdem officij hoc anno . ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . Cxj[s. vj.d.] <75>

QUI SUNT &lt;76&gt;

Super . . . Iohannem ash]feld' nuper Magistrum Noui operis de arreragiis suis anni <77> [xix. proxime precedentis] }  
 . . . <78><sup>3</sup>

[OFFICIUM]M NOUI OPERIS . . . INFRA . &lt;79&gt;

[OFFICIUM] PRECENTORIS . . . EXTRA . &lt;80&gt;

<sup>1</sup> Presumably a slip for xl. ; v. line 42 above.<sup>2</sup> Even when xl is substituted for xx in line 64 this total should reach only 140—i.e. Cxl. not Clx. It is possible that this is not a slip—though the word "predictarum" seems to make it highly probable that it is—and that the extra loads are to be accounted for by the abbot having bought stone but allowing this accountant to pay for its carriage.

fo. IX, 47-57.]

vsque ad Redeclyffhill' xxj pro xviiij <47> sic in toto xxxvjs  
Et Iohanni Collis pro cariagio Ciiij lodarum petrarum a Redeclyffhill' vsque Monasterium precio lode iiij sic <48> in toto . . . lx.s Et Iohanni atte water pro superuisione suo recipiendo et talliando omnes lodas supradictas apud Redeclyffhill' <49> ad diuersas vices hoc anno . . . iijs Et de . . . xxx lodis petrarum liberarum receptis de Firmario quarrurie hoc anno <50>

Summa . . . xxiiij li vjd <51>

npicio  
adi

NULLA <52>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXV LI VIJS IJD  
Que quedam <53> summa corespondet summe oneris sui supradicti Et sic RECESSIT <54>

QUIETUS <55>

OFFICIUM NOUI OPERIS . . . INFRA <56>

OFFICIUM PRECENTORIS . . . EXTRA <57>

<sup>3</sup> This entry has been restored from Britton, p. 50. It is interesting as showing (a) that before 1830 the Roll was in much better condition; (b) that one can never certainly trust the most simple-looking statements. Britton took "Et sic debentur" with the entry and contrived to make it mean that "there was then due to John Ashfield, late master of the new works, arrears of salary for 19 years" (which works out at less than 6s. a year). He also thought that the office of Magister Noui Operis could be identified with that of master-mason. From this interpretation of this entry alone came his conclusion that a great deal of building was done during Newbery's abbacy, and all subsequent statements—there have been many of them—to that effect by Bristol historians have derived from this wholly unjustifiable deduction, which they have accepted without question and generally without quoting their source. That John Ashfield made a profit of £5 11s. 6d. is, of course, an indication that his expenses on stone in 1472-73 were slight, but neither a profit nor a loss by the office is evidence of major operations in building in any one year, as such expenses had to be paid by the abbot and by the gifts of outsiders. Britton says on the same page "from a payment made to the clerk and choristers of the elder St. Mary's Chapel it is evident that the choral service . . . still continued to be performed therein in 1491, which would hardly have been the case if the workmen had been then employed near the place. Hence it may be inferred that the northern transept was not undertaken until after this chapel was disused." [Neither in the Almoner's account nor elsewhere is there mention of the *elder* Lady Chapel.] Compare R. H. Warren, *Proc. Clifton Antiq. Club*, VI. 145, "From 1479 to 1491 John Ashfield was 'Master of the new works.' . . . In 1491 the choral service was continued to be held in the elder Lady Chapel, and so late as Abbot Somerset's time (1526-33)\* a new doorway was made into this Chapel in consequence of the unfinished and impassable state of the North Transept." How the story has improved in less than a century! [\*It can be shown that the existence of this abbot is mythical, though how the myth started has not yet been discovered; probably the initial error was Dugdale's. As the dating of the doorway has been based largely on the supposed Somerset coat-of-arms over it the whole story collapses like a house of cards.]

[fo. ixd, 1-19.]

[Officium  
Precentoris  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll']  
[arreragia]

[COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI] GREKELADE CUSTODIS OFFICIJ  
PREDICTI PER TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum <1>

[Idem reddit compotum de] . . . xvij.s. ij.d. ob. receptis de  
arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede  
ibidem etc <2>

Summa . . . xvij.s. ij.d. ob <3>

[Redditus  
assise in  
villa Bristoll']

Et de . . . iiij.s. receptis de exitu iiij. shoparum in wynestrete  
iuxta portam cecam<sup>1</sup> Bristoll' sic ab antiquo in Compotis <4>  
precedentibus oneratarum per annum . <5>

Summa . . . iiij.s <6>

Re[dditus] in  
Tykenham

Et de . . . viij.s. viij.d. receptis de certo redditu in Tykenham  
per annum . vnde de Iohanne Gibbes pro vna acra terre vocate  
<7> abbotesburne .viij.d Thoma Frere pro vno cotagio cum  
curtillagio et ij. acris terre nuper in tenura Iohannis <8> hayward'  
vij.s modo dimisso prefato Thome pro .vj.s. vt in Compoto de  
Portebury et de Iohanne wh[eler pro] <9> vno cotagio cum  
curtillagio .ij.s que omnia solebant reddere xiiij.s. per annum. <10>

Summa . . . viij.s. viij.d. <11>

Pensio

De xxvj.s viijd de quadam annua pensione vicarii sancti augustini  
Minoris per annum videlicet per dictum tempus <12> huius Compoti  
non reddit hic . eo quod beneficium vicarii est ita depaupertatum  
quod pensio predicta per abbatem et Conuentum <13> condonatur  
prefato vicario pro tempore etc <14>

Summa . . . nulla <15>

Proficuum  
cere  
proueni-  
entis de  
oblacione  
ecclesie  
sancti  
augustini  
Minoris . . .

Sed reddit de . . . ij.s. receptis de medietate cere prouenientis  
de oblacione ecclesie sancti augustini Minoris per annum tam in  
<16> festo Purificacionis beate Marie virginis quam in exequijs  
mortuorum sic dimissa prefato vicario ibidem ad voluntatem  
domini <17> abbatis . De altera medietate cere predicte non  
reddit hic eo quod pertinet vicario predicto ratione vicarie sue  
etc <18>

Summa . . . ij.s. <19>



[fo. IXd, 1-20.]

Officium  
receptoris  
Monasterii  
Infrascripti } COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI FYLLE CUSTODIS OFFICII PREDICTI  
PER TEMPUS INFRASCRIPITUM <1>

Nulla quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis tunc Computator recessit quietus prout patet in pede  
<2> ibidem etc <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

Redditus  
ssise in  
villa  
Bristol' } Sed reddit de . . . iijs receptis de exitu iij shoparum in wyne-  
strete iuxta portam secam<sup>1</sup> ville Bristol' sic ab <5> antiquo in  
Compotis precedentibus oneratarum per annum <6>

Summa . . . iijs <7>

Redditus in  
Tykenham Et de . . . viijs viijd receptis de certo redditu in Tykenham  
per annum Vnde Iohanne Gibbes pro j terra vocata <8> abbot-  
teshern' viijd Thome [sic] Frere pro vno Cotagio cum curtillag'  
et ij acris terre nuper in tenura Iohannis hayward' <9> vijs modo  
dimisso prefato Thome pro vjs vt in Compoto de Portebury Et  
de Iohanne wheler pro vno Cotagio <10> cum curtillag' ijs solebant  
reddere xiijs per annum <11>

Summa . . . viijs viijd <12>

Pensio De xxvjs viijd de quadam annua pensione Vicarii sancti augustini  
Minoris Videlicet per dictum tempus huius <13> Compoti non  
reddit eo quod beneficium Vicarii est ita depaupertatum quod  
pensio predicta per abbatem et Conuentum condonatur <14>  
prefato Vicario pro tempore <15>

Summa . . . nulla <16>

Proficuum  
ere  
roueni-  
ntis de  
oblacione  
ecclesie  
sancti  
ugustini  
Minoris } Sed reddit de . . . ijs receptis de medietate cere prouenientis de  
oblacione Ecclesie sancti augustini Minoris per annum tam in  
festo <17> Purificacionis beate Marie quam in exequijs mortuorum  
sic dimissa hoc anno De altera medietate Cere non reddit hic eo  
quod <18> pertinet Vicario predicto ratione Vicarie sue etc <19>

Summa . . . ijs <20>

<sup>1</sup> v. i. 68, note 5, p. 96, and the further entry of this property at line 31 of this account. Possibly ignorance as to the whereabouts of the shops is responsible for the peculiar description "in wynestrete iuxta portam cecam."

[*fo. ixd*, 20-38.]

Vendicio  
ramorum  
arborum

De aliquibus denariis per dictum nunc Computatorem receptis de vendicione ramorum arborum proueniencium de shrudacione arborum crescencium <20> in Cimiterio sancti augustini Minoris non reddit. eo quod nullam huiusmodi proficuum inde prouenit per idem tempus etc <21>

Summa . . . nulla <22>

Feoda  
Communis  
Sigilli.

Sed reddit de . . . v.s. viij.d receptis de feodis vnus Communis sigilli<sup>1</sup> hoc anno in domo Capitulario Monasterii predicti <23> sigillati de quadam presentacione facta domino Roberto Coteler Capellano de vicaria de Poulet hoc anno et <24> non de pluribus. vnde pertinet huic officio pro quolibet huiusmodi sigillo vs. viij.d vltra .xijd pertinentes predicto <25> precentori et iij.s iiij.d pertinentes Capellano domini abbatis pro Feodis suis propriis videlicet de huiusmodi feodo huic officio <26> pertinente etc. <27>

Summa . . . vs. viij.d <28>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXVIIJ.S.  
VJ.D. OB. <29>

DE QUIBUS . <30>

Defectus  
redditus.

Idem computat in defectu redditus iij. shoparum superius in Titulo redditus assise oneratarum ad iiij.s. per annum eo quod predictus <31> redditus omnino detinetur. et predictae shope seu loca vbi predictus redditus leuari deberet. acceciam tenentes <32> earundem adhuc sunt incogniti . . . iiij.s <33>

Summa . . . iiij.s <34>

Custus  
necessario-  
rum.

Et in papiro [*.x.d above*] pergameni [*.iijs. above*] rubea cera [*viij.d above*] et pennis [*ijd above*] hoc anno emptis pro diuersis rebus ad hoc officium pertinentibus inde <35> inscribendis hoc anno . . . iiij.s. viij.d Et in galles [*vjd above*] gummes [*vjd above*] et coporose [*vjd above*] pro encausto inde fiendo hoc anno <36> . . . xvij.d. Et in pergameni empto pro isto compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . ij.d. Et pro scriptura trium <37> litterarum fraternitatis<sup>2</sup> Monasterii predicti concesse. vnde .j. venerabili viro Iohanni alcock Episcopo Eliens'.<sup>3</sup> alia venerabili viro hugoni

<sup>2</sup> v. Glossary.

<sup>3</sup> He had been Bishop of Worcester from 1476 to 1486, when he went to Ely, where he died in 1500. He was the founder of Jesus College, Cambridge.

[fo. IXd, 21-34.]

Vendicio  
ramorum  
arborum

De aliquibus denariis per dictum nunc Computatorem receptis de vendicione ramorum arborum proueniencium de shrudacione arborum crescencium in <21> Cimiterio sancti augustini Minoris non reddit quia nullum huiusmodi proficuum inde prouenit per idem tempus <22>

Summa . . . nulla <23>

Feoda  
Communis  
Sigilli

Sed reddit de . . . nichil receptum de feodis Communis Sigilli<sup>1</sup> hoc anno in domo Capitulario Monasterii predicti videlicet vs viijd <24> hoc anno et non de pluribus Vnde pertinet huic officio pro quolibet Sigillo vs viijd vltra xijd pertinentes predicto <25> Precentori et iijs iiijd pertinentes Capellano domini abbatis pro feodis suis propriis Videlicet de huiusmodi feodo huic officio pertinente <26>

Summa . . . nulla <27>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XIIIJS VIIJD <28>

DE QUIBUS <29>

Defectus  
redditus

Idem computat in defectu redditus iij shoparum in wynestrete iuxta portam secam ibidem superius in titulo redditus assise <30> oneratarum ad iijs per annum eo quod predictus redditus omnino detinetur et predictae shope seu loca vbi predictus redditus leuari <31> deberet acceiam tenentes earundem adhuc sunt incogniti . . . iijs <32>

Summa . . . iijs <33>

Custus  
necessari-  
orum

Et in papiro [viijd above] pergameno [xxiijd above] rubea cera [iiijd above] serico [iij above] pennis [ob' above] acu et filo [ob' above] hoc anno emptis pro diuersis rebus ad hoc officium <34>

<sup>1</sup> The Common Seal appears in this account because the Precentor was responsible for writing in the Convent. Whether a fee of 10s. (equivalent to at least £12 10s. in modern money) would be exacted for its use on all or even most occasions is very doubtful; the ordinary taker of a lease of a modest piece of monastic land could hardly be expected to pay the equivalent of a year's rent in one fee like this. It is highly improbable also that there should have been no leases made in either of the years represented by these accounts, yet we know that leases were sealed with the Common Seal. Probably only presentations to benefices were subject to the fee. It may be noted here that nowhere in these accounts is there any mention of those fines in consideration of which leases were usually granted—a system said to have been devised by the monasteries. If any such were being received they must have gone into the abbot's private purse.

[fo. ixd, 38-53.]

Pavy <38> Menens' Episcopo<sup>1</sup> et alia cuidam Roberto Rocheford' de london'.<sup>2</sup> sub sigillo communi sigillatarum . vna cum. iij. virgis [xijd *above*] de serico pro <39> lez agnes ad litteras predictas pendendis emptis precio virge . ijd. hoc anno . . . vj.s. Et in filo albo empto ad vsum <40> officij supradicti hoc anno . . . ob <41>

Summa . . . xij.s. iiij.d. ob <42>

Solucio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus pro eorum speciebus hoc anno . . . xij.d. <43>  
Et ad eandem participacionem de feodis Communis sigilli hoc anno . . . v.s. viij.d <44>

Summa liberata . . . vj.s. viij.d. <45>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXIIJ.S. OB.  
ET DEBENTUR . . . XV.S. VJD. <46>

VNDE. <47>

Super. . . .

Fratrem willelmum harryes nuper precentorem de arreragiis suis vt in precedentibus . . . iiij.s. viij.d. <48>

walterum Mors nuper vicarium ecclesie sancti augustini Minoris de medietate cere <49> vt supra } . . . viij.s.  
Titulo proficuum cere ad ij.s. per annum aretro existente pro .iiijor. annis vt <50> in precedente . . . <51>

Fratrem henricum Brugges nuper precentorem de exitu eiusdem officij anni ijdi. proxime precedentis . . . ij.s. iiij.d ob. <52>  
Dictum Fratrem willelmum Grekelade supra Computatorem de arreragiis suis anni proxime precedentis . . . v.d. ob. <53>

[fo. IXd, 35-45.]

pertinentibus inde scribendis hoc anno . . . iijs ijd Et in Galles  
Gumme et coperose emptis pro encausto inde fiendo <35> hoc  
anno . . . xiiijd Et pro cooperturis librorum ordinalium hoc  
anno . . . jd Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto <36>  
superscribendo hoc anno . . . ijd <37>

Summa . . . iijs vijd <38>

liberacio  
denariorum

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus  
pro eorum speciebus hoc anno .. .. xijd <39>  
Et ad eandem participacionem de feodis Communis  
Sigilli ibidem hoc anno .. .. nichil <40>

Summa liberata . . . xijd <41>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . IXS VIJD

ET DEBENTUR . . . <42> . . . VS JD <43>

QUI SUNT <44>

Super . . . { Dictum Computatorem de exitu officij sui huius anni etc <45>

<sup>1</sup> Bishop of St. David's 1485-1496. He had a residence at Long Ashton.  
Will in P.C.C. [28 Horne].

<sup>2</sup> Will 1496 P.C.C. [4 Horne].

[fo. x, 1-18.]

Officium  
Refeclorarii  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristol'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS THOME CLERK' REFECLORARII IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO <1> REGNI REGIS HENRICI  
.VIJmi. SEPTIMO . VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM  
REGIS OCTAUO. <2>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . xj.s. ij.d. receptis de areragiis  
Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem  
etc <3>

Summa . . . xj.s. ij.d <4>

Redditus.

Et de . . . xl.s. receptis de redditu tocius terre domini abbatis  
Conuentus Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol' cum pertinentibus  
ac cum <5> orrio superedificato in Suburbio ville Bristol' apud  
Redelane nuper in tenura Iohannis Sengileaye senioris sic <6>  
modo dimisse willelmo Serche ville predictae. Soluendo ad iiijor  
anni terminos equaliter per annum . <7>

Summa . . . xl.s. <8>

Exitus  
gardini.

De aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione fabarum et pisarum  
in gardino domini abbatis vocato le Orchard' hoc anno non  
reddit eo quod omnia <9> proficua gardini predicti assignantur  
per dominum abbatem Refeclorario predicto pro custodia gardini  
predicti et expensis in eodem fiendis <10> absque aliquo alio  
proficuo recipiendo . Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente  
de vendicione separum ibidem hoc anno causa <11> predicta .  
Nec reddit de vendicione allij ibidem hoc anno causa predicta eo  
quod nulla ibidem vendicio fuit per idem tempus . Nec reddit  
<12> de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione pisarum  
vocatarum hastyngez et porrorum in magno gardino inter vetus  
Columbare <13> et pontem vltra fossatum causa predicta Nec  
reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione lini ibidem  
hoc anno causa predicta <14> Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo  
proueniente de vendicione tassellarum de predicto gardino hoc  
anno causa predicta . Nec reddit de aliquo <15> proficuo proueniente  
de vendicione florum lauandrie hoc anno causa predicta Nec  
reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione Croci <16>  
ibidem hoc anno causa predicta Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo  
proueniente de vendicione vuarum<sup>1</sup> hoc anno causa predicta Nec  
reddit de <17> .ij.s. receptis de exitu pasture inter duas metas  
ibidem quia occupatur cum carpentar' domini abbatis circa

[fo. X, 1-17.]

Officium Refeclorarii Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol'...	}	COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI WYNTER REFECLORARII IBIDEM A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUDEM REGIS QUARTO <2>
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arreragia      NULLA quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
 precedentis tunc Computator recessit quietus prout patet in pede  
 ibidem <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

Redditus      Et de . . . xls receptis de redditu tocius terre domini abbatis et  
 Conuentus huius Monasterii ac cum orrio supraedificato in  
 Suburbio ville <5> Bristol' apud Redlane nuper in tenura Iohannis  
 Sengilday sic modo dimisse Iohanni Nyweman' seniori hoc  
 anno <6>

Summa . . . xls <7>

Exitus  
Gardini      De aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione fabarum et pisarum  
 in gardino domini abbatis vocato le Orcherd' hoc anno non  
 reddit eo quod omnia <8> proficua gardini predicti assignantur  
 per dominum abbatem Refeclorario predicto pro custodia gardini  
 predicti et expensis in eodem fiendis <9> absque aliquo alio  
 proficuo percipiendo Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente  
 de vendicione ceparum ibidem hoc anno causa predicta <10>  
 Nec reddit de vendicione allij ibidem hoc anno eo quod nulla  
 huiusmodi vendicio fuit per idem tempus Nec reddit de aliquo  
 proficuo <11> proueniente de vendicione pisarum vocatarum  
 hastynges et porrorum in magno gardino inter vetus columbare  
 et pontem vltra fossatum causa <12> predicta Nec reddit de  
 aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione lini ibidem hoc anno  
 causa predicta Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo <13> tassellarum  
 proueniencium de dicto gardino hoc anno causa predicta Nec  
 reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione florum  
 lauandrie <14> hoc anno causa predicta Nec reddit de aliquo  
 proficuo proueniente de vendicione Croci ibidem hoc anno causa  
 predicta Nec reddit de aliquo <15> proficuo proueniente de  
 vendicione vuarum<sup>1</sup> hoc anno causa predicta Nec reddit de ijs  
 nuper receptis de exitu pasture inter duas metas ibidem <16>  
 quia depascitur cum equis domini abbatis hoc anno Nec reddit

<sup>1</sup> i.e. uvarum.

[fo. x, 18-41.]

meremium ibidem iacens propter <18> dormitorium Monasterii reparandum hoc anno Nec reddit de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione ramorum arborum aut subbose' ibidem hoc <19> anno eo quod nulla huiusmodi vendicio facta fuit per idem tempus . <20>

Summa . . . nulla <21>

Vendicio  
bladi

Sed reddit de . . . vj.s. viij.d. receptis de precio vnus quarterij frumenti venditi hoc anno precio busselli .x.d<sup>1</sup> <22>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d <23>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . LVIIJ.S. X.D.  
<24> DE QUIBUS <25>

Custus  
necessari-  
orum

Idem computat in pergamenio empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ij.d. Et in ciphis ligneis emptis pro  
toto <26> Conuentu preter dominum abbatem et suum Capellanum  
videlicet pro quolibet Canonico ij. ciphis . vna cum ciphis emptis  
pro iantaculis <27> dictorum Conuentus [sic] hoc anno . . . v.s.  
Et in .ij. vlnis et dimidio [xijd ob *above*] panni linei emptis pro ij.  
mantergijs inde fiendis <28> vna cum factura [ijd *above*] eorundem  
hoc anno precio vlne .v.d. . . . xiiij.d. ob. Et in stipendiis .ij. [*a  
hole here*] laboratorum <29> ad terminum conductorum per ix. dies  
ad faciend' sepes mort'<sup>2</sup> in gardino conuentuali . et in reparand'  
[*hole here*] al' sepes <30> viii'<sup>2</sup> ibidem in scissione et paracione  
eorundem quolibet capiente per diem iiijd hoc anno . . . vj.s. <31>

Summa . . . xij.s. iiij.d ob. <32>

Vestura  
famuli  
Refectorij .

Et in vna toga empti pro famulo Refectorij<sup>3</sup> infra tempus  
predictum hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d. De stipendio eiusdem <33>  
famuli nichil hic quia huiusmodi stipendium soluitur per  
Conuentum hoc anno etc. <34>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d <35>

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem  
denariorum Conuentus Monasterii predicti . vt  
pro tot <36> denariis inter dictum Conuentum  
simul cum alijs summis diuidendis sic ab <37>  
antiquo vsitatam ad .ij. vices pro speciebus  
Conuentus . . . iiij.s. iiijd et pro certis <38> . . . vj.s. viij.d  
expensis eiusdem Conuentus die Iouis in Cena  
domini assignatis per annum . . . <39> . . .  
iiij.s. iiij.d . . . <40>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d. <41>



[fo. X, 17-35.]

de aliquo proficuo proueniente de vendicione ramorum arborum  
aut subbosc' <17> ibidem eo quod nulla huiusmodi vendicio facta  
fuit per tempus predictum etc <18>

Summa . . . nulla <19>

Vendicio  
bladi

Sed reddit de . . . vjs viijd receptis de precio vnus quarterij  
frumenti venditi hoc anno precio busselli xd<sup>1</sup> <20>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <21>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XLVJS VIIJD <22>

DE QUIBUS <23>

Custus  
necessari-  
orum.

IDEM computat in pergamenio empto pro isto Compoto super-  
scribendo hoc anno . . . ijd Et in ciphis ligneis emptis pro toto  
<24> Conuentu preter dominum abbatem et suum Capellanum  
videlicet pro quolibet Canonico ij ciphis vna cum ciphis emptis  
pro Iantaculis dicti Conuentus <25> hoc anno . . . vs Et pro  
emendacione duorum superpelliciorum hoc anno . . . xxd <26>

Summa . . . vjs x.d <27>

Vestura  
famuli  
Refectorii

Et in vna toga empti pro famulo Refectorii<sup>3</sup> infra tempus  
predictum hoc anno . . . vjs viijd De stipendio eiusdem <28>  
famuli nichil allocatur quia huiusmodi stipendium soluitur per  
Conuentum hoc anno <29>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <30>

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad partici-  
pacionem  
Conuentus

Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem  
Conuentus huius Monasterii vt pro tot denariis  
inter dictum Conuentum <31> simul cum aliis  
summis diuidendis ab antiquo vsitatam ad ij vices  
pro speciebus Conuentus <32> iijs iiijd et pro certis  
aliis expensis eiusdem Conuentus die Iouis in Cena  
domini assignatis <33> iijs iiijd sic in toto <34> . . . } . . . vjs viijd

Summa liberata . . . vjs viijd <35>

<sup>1</sup> v. iij d., 11.

<sup>2</sup> Can sepes mort' be fences, as against sepes viv' or quick [set] hedges?  
No other interpretation suggests itself to us.

<sup>3</sup> This Refectory servant appears nowhere else in the accounts.

[fo. x, 42-48.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXV.S. VIIJ.D.  
 OB. ET DEBENTUR . . . <42> . . . XXXIJ.S. J.D. OB. De quibus  
 reddit Thesaurario allocantur dicto Computatori . . . xx.s. quos <43> liberauit Fratri  
 Iohanni Nuland' Thesaurario Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll'  
 post clausum huius <44> Compoti sine tallio seu indentura ex  
 recognicione eiusdem Thesaurarii hoc anno . ET SIC <45> DEBENTUR  
 . . . XIJ.S. J.D. OB. <46> QUI SUNT . <47>

Super . . . Dictum Fratrem Thomam Clerke supra Computatorem de exitu  
 officij sui huius anni etc <48>

[fo. xd, 1-16.]

Officium COMPOTUS FRATRIS HENRICI BRUGGES VESTIARII IBIDEM PER  
 Vestiarii TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum. <1>  
 Monasterii  
 infrascripti  
 arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . lxxvij.s. vjd receptis de arreragiis  
 Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem  
 etc <2>

Summa . . . lxxvijs. vj.d <3>

Fyfhyde. Et de . . . x.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d. receptis de Iohanne Browne Collectore  
 redditus ibidem de exitu officij sui huius anni vt patet in <4>  
 Compoto suo hoc anno etc . <5>

Summa . . . x.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d <6>

Serney. Et de . . . viij.li. xvij.s. vj.d receptis per manum Iohannis Draper  
 Collectoris redditus ibidem de nouis [?] exitibus et proficuis <7>  
 Manerij ibidem hoc anno . <8>

Summa . . . viij.li. xvij.s. vj.d. <9>

Redditus Bristoll' Et de . . . xxxv.s. receptis de redditu diuersorum tenencium in  
 Frogmorestre Soluendo ad iiijor anni terminos equaliter per  
 <10> annum. vnde de redditu vnus tenementi iuxta fontem  
 ibidem quondam in tenura cuiusdam pauperis .v.s. alterius <11>  
 tenementi iuxta idem tenementum nuper in tenura Roberti Bruer  
 .v.s. ij tenementorum nuper in tenura Daud Mathewe .x.s. <12>  
 vtrumque ad v.s vnus tenementi nuper in tenura Iohannis lynde  
 vocati longhouse .vij.s vnus tenementi prope idem tenementum  
 <13> nuper in tenura Iohannis Sproteley .iiij.s et vnus tenementi  
 iuxta idem tenementum nuper in tenura Iohannis white iiij.s <14>  
 per recognicionem dicti Computatoris hoc anno . <15>

Summa . . . xxxv.s <16>

[fo. X, 36-41.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . xxs ijd Et  
DEBENTUR . . . <36> . . . xxvjs vjd. Quos liberauit Fratri  
Iohanni Nuland' Thesaurario <37> huius Monasterii de exitu  
officij sui huius anni Et sic RECESSIT <38>

QUIETUS <39>

OFFICIUM REFECTORARII . . . INFRA <40>

OFFICIUM VESTIARII . . . . . EXTRA <41>

[fo. Xd, 1-15.]

Officiu  
vestiarii  
Monasterii  
infrascripti  
arregia } COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS HOWELL' VESTIARII IBIDEM PER  
TEMPUS INFRASCRIPtum <1>

NULLA quia super determinacionem Compoti anni proxime  
precedentis predictus Computator recessit quietus prout patet in  
pede ibidem <2>

Summa . . . nulla <3>

byhide Sed reddit de . . . x li xiijs iiijd receptis de willelmo Pope  
Collectore redditus ibidem de exitu officii sui huius anni vt patet  
<4> in Compoto suo hoc anno <5>

Summa . . . x.li xiijs iiijd <6>

arney Et de . . . viij li xvijs vjd receptis per manum Iohannis Draper  
Collectoris redditus ibidem de exitibus et proficuis Manerii ibidem  
<7> hoc anno <8>

Summa . . . viij li xvijs vjd <9>

reditus  
ristoll' Et de . . . xxxv.s receptis de redditu diuersorum tenencium in  
Frogmorestrete Soluendo ad quatuor anni terminos equaliter <10>  
per annum vnde De redditu vnus tenementi iuxta fontem ibidem  
quondam in tenura cuiusdam pauperis vs alterius tenementi iuxta  
<11> idem tenementum nuper in tenura Roberti Bruer vs ij  
tenementorum nuper in tenura Daud Mathewe xs vtrumque ad  
vs vnus <12> tenementi nuper Iohannis lyne vocati longhouse  
vijs vnus tenementi prope idem tenementum nuper in tenura  
Iohannis Sprotteley iijs et <13> vnus tenementi nuper in tenura  
Iohannis wyght' iijs per recognicionem dicti Computatoris hoc  
anno <14>

Summa . . . xxxvs <15>

[fo. xd, 17-38.]

Exitus  
gardiniEt de . . . ij.s. receptis de exitu vnus gardini infra lauandriam  
abbatie sancti augustini predicti sic locati per annum <17>

Summa . . . ij.s. &lt;18&gt;

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXV.LI. V.S.

IIIJ.D &lt;19&gt;

DE QUIBUS. &lt;20&gt;

Defectus  
redditusIdem computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Frogmore-  
strete nuper in tenura cuiusdam pauperis iuxta fontem ibidem  
<21> superius onerati ad .v.s per annum vltra .iiij.s inde leuatos  
de exitu hoc anno . . . xijd. Et in defectu <22> redditus vnus  
tenementi ibidem vocati longehouse superius similiter onerati ad  
.vijs. per annum vltra .vijs. viijd. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno  
. . . iiij.d <23>

Summa . . . xvjd &lt;24&gt;

Custus  
necessari-  
orum.Et in cirotecis emptis pro domino abbate et Conuentu prout  
allocatum est in Compotis precedentibus . . . iiij.s. Et in  
pergameno <25> empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno  
. . . ij.d Et in riguardo dato prefato Iohanni Draper Collectore  
<26> redditus de Sarney hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d. <27>

Summa . . . xs xd &lt;28&gt;

Solutio  
domino  
abbati et  
Conuentui  
pro eorum  
habituEt in denariis solutis domino abbati Monasterii predicti Iohanni  
Martyn' Priori. Thome Grene Suppriori henrico Brugges <29>  
Iohanni Dynham Thome Clerk' willelmo hobbes willelmo Greke-  
lade Roberto Elyot Iohanni Piers Iohanni howell' <30> Iohanni  
Gyles willelmo Bradford' willelmo Osewald'. Iohanni halle Nicholao  
Chapell' et willelmo wynter pro eorum <31> vestura siue habitu  
eorundem abbatis et Conuentus ab antiquo vsitat' videlicet pro  
domino abbate xxvj.s. viij.d <32> et cuilibet Canonico xij.s.  
iiij.d. per annum sic in toto hoc anno . . . xij.li. Et henrico  
Griffith Canonico <33> hoc anno mortuo pro vno quarterio huius  
anni. . . iij.s. iiij.d <34>

Summa . . . xij.li. iij.s. iiij.d &lt;35&gt;

Reparaciones.

Et in denariis solutis cuidam carpentario [xiiij above] per ij. dies  
ad terminum conducto capienti per diem .vjd. ob. in reparacione  
et emendacione <36> defectus ostiorum et fenestrarum defractorum  
in tenementis de Frogstrete. necnon [ijs ijd above] .ij. tegulatoribus  
[a hole here] per ij. dies <37> similiter ad terminum conductis

[fo. Xd, 16-36.]

Exitus Gardini Et de . . . ijs receptis de exitu vnus gardini infra lauandriam huius Monasterii sic locati per annum <16>

Summa . . . ijs <17>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . XXJ LI VIJS XD <18>

DE QUIBUS <19>

Defectus Redditus IDEM computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Frogmore-strete superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra xijd inde leuatos de exitu <20> hoc anno . . . iijs Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad iijs per annum vltra xijd inde <21> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs Et in defectu redditus alterius tenementi ibidem vocati longehouse superius onerati ad vijs <22> vltra vjs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xijd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem superius onerati ad vs <23> per annum vltra iijs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs <24>

Summa . . . ixs <25>

Custus necessariorum Et in Cerotecis emptis pro domino abbate et Conuentu prout allocatur in Compotis precedentibus . . . iijs Et in pergameni empto pro isto <26> Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . ijd Et in riguardo dato Iohanni Draper causa colleccionis redditus in Cerney <27> predict' hoc anno . . . vjs viijd <28>

Summa . . . xs xd <29>

Solutio domino abbati et Conuentui pro eorum habitu . . . } Et in denariis solutis domino abbati huius Monasterii Roberto Elyot Priori willelmo Grekelade Suppriori Iohanni howell' <30> Nicholao Chapell' willelmo wynter Iohanni Gyles [pro dimidio anno *above*] henrico Pavy Iohanni Smart [vjs viijd *above*] willelmo Burton' willelmo Fyll' <31> Thome Scansby Thome Taillour Iohanni Cary et willelmo lucas [pro iij quarteriis *above*] pro eorum vestura siue habitu eorundem abbatis et <32> Conuentus ab antiquo vsitat' videlicet pro domino abbate xxvjs viijd et pro quolibet dictorum Canonicorum xiijs iiijd <33> per annum sic in toto . . . ix li xvjs viijd <34>

Summa . . . ix li xvjs viijd <35>

Reparaciones Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis et impositis circa diuersas domus ibidem videlicet petris tegulis Conis Clauis de <36>

[fo. xd, 38-55.]

capientibus inter se per diem .vj.d ob. tegulantibus super dom [...] tenementorum [hole here] predictorum vna <38> cum diuersis materijs ad dictam reparacionem necessarijs emptis. videlicet pro diuersis sortis [hole here] clauium vocatorum <39> bordnayll' hacchenayll' et lathnayll'. vno plaustrato [xviij above] petrarum tegulorum cum [hole here] vectura [iij above] <40> eorundem . et vno quarterio [iij above] calcis emptis hoc anno prout patet per parcellam inde super hunc compotum [hole here] debitam <41> examinatum ac inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanentem . . . v.s. iij.d. ob. <42>

Summa . . . v.s. iij.d. ob. <43>

Stipendium Et in stipendio hugonis Taillour scissoris<sup>1</sup> pro Conuentu vltra companagium suum et .v.s pro filo per officium Collectoris redditus communis <44> hoc anno soluendos vt in annis precedentibus . . . xij.s iij.d <45>

Summa . . . xij.s. iij.d. <46>

Liberacio denariorum ad participacionem Conuentus } Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus }  
abbatie predicte de denariis pro speciebus <47> } . . . xij.d  
assignatis per annum . . . <48> }

Et ad eandem participacionem de exitu officij sui huius anni . . . vij.li. xij.s. viij.d. ob. <49>

Summa liberata . . . vij.li. xij.s. viij.d. ob. <50>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXJ.LI. VIJ.S.  
X.D. ET DEBENTUR . . . <51> . . . .LXXVIJ.S. VJ.D. <52>

QUI SUNT. <53>

Super. . . . { Tenentes de Sarney de eorum redditu aretro existente  
in anno xiiij°. Regis <54> Edwardi .iiijti. prout patet }  
{ in pede Compoti huius officij eiusdem anni . . . <55> }

[fo. Xd, 37-48.]

diuersis sortis calce findulis et aliis rebus huius [sic] officio  
pertinentibus vt particulariter patet in libro dicti nunc Computatoris  
vnde parcella <37> earundem expensarum in presencia domini  
abbatis examiantur [sic] et probantur et attingunt hoc anno . . .  
ixd <38>

Summa . . . ixd <39>

Stipendium Et in stipendio Iohannis Burton' Scissoris Conuentus vltra  
companagium suum et vs pro filo per officium Collectoris redditus  
Communis hoc <40> anno soluendos vt in annis precedentibus  
. . . xiijs iiijd <41><sup>1</sup>

Summa . . . xiijs iiijd <42>

Liberacio denariorum ad partici-  
pacionem Conuentus. . . . .  
Et in denariis liberatis ad participacionem Conuentus abbacie  
predicte de denariis pro speciebus assignatis per annum  
. . . . . xijd <43>  
Et ad eandem participacionem de exitu officij sui huius anni  
. . . ix li xvjs iiijd <44>

Summa liberata . . . ix li xvjj [sic]s iiijd <45>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXJ LI VIJS XD  
Que quedam <46> summa corespondet summe oneris sui supra-  
dicti ET SIC RECESSIT <47>

QUIETUS <48>

<sup>1</sup> v. vd. 51, Vd. 54, note 2, p. 171.

[fo. xi, 1-18.]

Officium  
Sacriste  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristoll'.

COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS MARTYN' SACRISTE IBIDEM A FESTO  
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI. <17> REGIS .  
HENRICI .VIJmi. SEPTIMO .VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI  
EIVSDEM REGIS OCTAUO . <2>

arreragia.

Idem reddit compotum de . . . ix.li. xiiij.s. viij.d. qua. receptis  
de arreragiis Compoti anni proxime precedentis prout patet in  
pede ibidem etc <3>

Summa . . . ix.li. xiiij.s. viij.d. qua. <4>

Redditus.

Et de . . . vj.li. xviiij.s. iiij.d. receptis de redditu omnium  
tenencium in le Masonry<sup>1</sup> infra Sanctuarium . Soluendo ad iiijor.  
anni <5> terminos equaliter per annum. vltra redditum cuiusdam  
Cellarii in tenura willelmi Bridde Roper infra .xl.s. vt inferius  
patet <6> per Rentale ibidem renouatum anno secundo proximo  
precedente super compotum examinatum et probatum . Et de  
. . . xv.s. receptis de redditu .iiij. <7> tenementorum in Frogmore-  
strete in dicta villa Bristoll' ad iiijor. anni terminos equis  
porcionibus . Et de . . . xvj.s. receptis de redditu .ij. <8>  
tenementorum in lewennesmede in dicta villa ad iiijor. anni  
terminos equis porcionibus . Et de . . . xxxij.s. receptis de  
redditu vnus tenementi <9> in Cornestrete ville predictae per annum  
equis porcionibus . Et de . . . xxiiij.s. viij.d. receptis de redditu  
.iiij. tenementorum super Baccam sancti <10> augustini Bristoll'  
ad iiijor. anni terminos equis porcionibus . Et de . . . xj.li.  
xix.s. receptis de redditu diuersorum tenencium in <11> Berkeley  
cum .vj.li. de redditu .ij. molendinorum aquaticorum in vna domo  
existencium. ac .x.s. de precio [bussellum vijd ob *above*] .ij.  
quarteriorum frumenti de redditu <12> Iohannis wilkyns in  
parochia de Coweley sic sibi venditorum Soluendis ad iiijor. anni  
terminos equis porcionibus Et de . . . xiiij.s. iiij.d. <13> receptis  
de redditu diuersarum terrarum in le haye per annum per manum  
Thome yonge soluto ad iiijor. anni terminos equis porcionibus  
Et de . . . <14> . . . vj.s. viij.d. receptis de exitu cuiusdam  
clausi super montem sancti Brandani pertinentis huic officio et  
iacentis iuxta clausum <15> Elemosinarij. quod Magister de  
Gauntes huic officio concessit . prout per quandam compositionem  
inter abbatem et Conuentum <16> Monasterii predicti et dictum  
Magistrum inde factam plenius poterit apparere etc <17>

Summa . . . xxiiij.li. iiij.s. <18>



[fo. XI, 1-19.]

Officium  
Sacriste  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristol'  
arreragia  
Redditus

COMPOTUS FRATRIS WILLELMI GREKELADE SACRISTE IBIDEM A  
FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO REGNI <1> REGIS  
HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM  
REGIS QUARTO <2>  
[Nulla] <3> Summa . . . nulla <4>

Sed reddit de . . . vj li xviijs iiijd receptis de redditu omnium  
tenencium in le Masonry<sup>1</sup> infra Sanctuarium Soluendo ad iiijor  
<5> anni terminos equaliter per annum vltra redditum cuiusdam  
Cellarii nuper in tenura Roberti Birde Roper infra xls vt inferius  
<6> patet per Rentale ibidem renouatum anno xxj° [sic] precedente  
super Compotum examinatum et probatum Et de . . . xvs  
receptis de redditu iij <7> tenementorum in Frogmorestrete in  
dicta villa Bristol' ad quatuor anni terminos equis porcionibus  
Et de . . . xxxiijs iiijd <8> receptis de redditu vnus tenementi  
in Cornestrete ville predictae ad terminos predictos equis porcionibus  
Et de . . . xvjs receptis de <9> redditu ij tenementorum in  
lewennesmede in dicta villa ad quatuor anni terminos equis  
porcionibus Et de . . . xvjs <10> receptis de redditu iij  
tenementorum super Baccam sancti augustini Bristol' ad terminos  
predictos equis porcionibus Et de . . . xj li vijs <11> receptis  
de redditu diuersorum tenencium in Berkeley cum Cvjs viijd  
de redditu ij molendinorum aquaticorum in vna domo existencium  
<12> tamen nuper ad vj li ac cum xs de precio ij quarteriorum  
frumenti de redditu Iohannis wilkyns in parochiam de Coweley  
sic sibi <13> venditorum Soluendis ad iiijor anni terminos equis  
porcionibus Et de . . . xiijs iiijd receptis de redditu diuersorum  
tenencium in le haye <14> per annum per manum Thome yonge  
soluta ad quatuor anni terminos equis porcionibus Et de vjs  
viijd receptis de <15> exitu cuiusdam Clausi super montem sancti  
Brandani pertinentis huic officio et iacentis iuxta Clausum  
Elemosinarii quod Magister <16> de Gauntes huic officio concessit  
prout per quandam Compositionem inter abbatem et Conuentum  
Monasterii predicti et dictum Magistrum <17> inde factam plenius  
poterit apparere <18>

Summa . . . xxiiij li xiijs iiijd <19>

<sup>1</sup> Whether the Masonry had once been named after the masons who dwelt there, presumably during the 14th century rebuilding, as is commonly stated, we cannot say; it is certainly possible. It consisted of a block of small tenements, with no ground or curtilages attached, on the site now occupied by the Royal Hotel.

[fo. xi, 19-34.]

Firma  
viridis  
placee in  
Sanctuario.  
...

Et de . . . xl.s. receptis de willelmo Bridde pro vna domo et licencia faciendi cordas et cordulas in Sanctuario vocato le place annuatim <19> ad iiijor. anni terminos sic dimissa prefato willelmo ad firmam Et de . . . x.s. receptis de herbagio placee predictae ad iiijor. anni terminos <20> per annum sic dimisso willelmo horte hoc anno . <21>

Summa . . . l.s. <22>

Oblaciones.

Et de . . . .viiij.s iiij.d receptis de oblacionibus prouenientibus de pixidibus coram diuersis Imaginibus infra ecclesiam Monasterii predicti existentibus <23> videlicet sancti augustini iuxta summum altare .viiij.d beate Marie iuxta ostium boriale .iiij.d Sancte Crucis .vij.s. iiij.d. appolonie <24> .nichil. antonij .nichil. Sancti Erasmi .nichil. Et de . . . ij.d. ob. receptis de huiusmodi oblacione proueniente de pixide sancti Clementis infra <25> Capellam sancti Iordani in viridi placea ibidem. De aliquibus denariis receptis de oblacione in die Epiphanie domini ad summum altare <26> ecclesie predictae hoc anno non reddit. quia nulla huiusmodi oblacio. Nec reddit de oblacione in festo Purificacionis beate Marie virginis causa <27> predicta. Nec reddit de aliqua huiusmodi oblacione proueniente de pixide sancte Sithe virginis hoc anno causa predicta.<sup>1</sup> <28>

Summa . . . viij.s. vj.d. ob. <29>

Proficuum  
proueniens de  
confugien-  
tibus ad  
sanctuarium  
Monasterii  
predicti

Et de . . . .iiij.s. receptis de xij. personis ad sanctuarium<sup>2</sup> huius Monasterii hoc anno confugientibus et priuilegium eiusdem petentibus <30> quorum quilibet dat ad primum introitum pro intracione nominis sui in libro Sacriste Sanctuarii antedicti .iiij.d. prout patet in libro <31> eiusdem Sacriste huius anni vbi singulorum nomina et cognomina earundem personarum cum causa capcionis dicti priuilegii ac denariis <32> per ipsos proinde solutis particulariter annotantur et declarantur. sicut ab antiquo tempore fieri consuevit etc <33>

Summa . . . .iiij.s. <34>

[fo. XI, 20-35.]

Firma  
Viridis  
placee in  
Sanctuario.

Et de . . . xls receptis de Ricardo Moleyns pro vna domo et licencia faciendi Cordas et Cordulas in Sanctuario vocato le place <20> annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos sic dimissa prefato Ricardo per annum Et de . . . xs receptis de herbagio placee predictae ad iiijor <21> anni terminos sic dimisso per annum <22>

Summa . . . ls <23>

Oblaciones

Et de . . . xxvijs ijd ob. receptis de oblacionibus prouenientibus de pixidibus coram diuersis Imaginibus infra ecclesiam Monasterii <24> predicti existentibus videlicet sancti augustini iuxta summum altare xvd beate Marie iuxta ostium boriale ijs iijd Sancte Crucis <25> xxijs ixd Sanctorum Clementis et Iordani xiiijd Sancte apollonie vd antonij nichil. Et in die Purificacionis beate Marie <26> virginis hoc anno . . . iiijd ob. . . Et de . . . viijs receptis de oblacionibus cere prouenientibus de duabus partibus cere in Ecclesia <27> sancti Nicholai in die Purificacionis beate Marie virginis Et de . . . xij libris Cere prouenientibus de oblacionibus coram Imagine sancti Saluatoris <28> infra Monasterium hoc anno <29><sup>1</sup>

Summa . . . xxxvjs ijd ob. et xij libre Cere <30>

Oficium  
proueniens de  
confugien-  
tibus ad  
Sanctuarium  
Monasterii

Et de . . . xxd receptis de hominibus ad Sanctuarium<sup>2</sup> huius Monasterii hoc anno confugientibus et priuilegium eiusdem petentibus quorum <31> quilibet dat ad suum introitum pro intitulatione nominis sui in libro Sacriste Sanctuarii antedicti iiijd prout patet in libro <32> eiusdem Sacriste huius anni vbi singulorum nomina et cognomina earundem personarum cum causa capcionis dicti priuilegii ac <33> denariis per ipsos proinde solutis particulariter annotantur et declarantur sicut ab antiquo tempore fieri consuevit etc <34>

Summa . . . xxd <35>

<sup>1</sup> The reasons for the presence of some of these images are not easy to find. Saint Apollonia, an Alexandrian martyr, is said to have been very popular in the West. Saint Jordan is said by Leland [Itin. V. 64, ed. Hearne] to have been a disciple of Saint Augustine who was buried here; he is quite unknown elsewhere; both the known saints of that name were Dominicans. Saint Sitha might be Osyth, daughter of Penda, who was beheaded by the Danes in East Anglia, or (more probably) Saint Itha, who settled at Waterford and was foster-mother to Saint Brendan.

<sup>2</sup> v. Glossary.

[fo. xi, 35-39.]

Perquisita  
Curie

Et de . . . .iiij.s. receptis de perquisitis Curiarum ibidem tentarum  
hoc anno prout patet per Rotulos earundem super hunc Compotum  
examinatos et <35> probatos etc <36>

Summa . . . .iiij.s. <37>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . XXXVIJ.LI.  
IIJ.S. J.D. OB. QUA. <38>

DE QUIBUS . <39>

fo. XI, 36-56.]

perquisita  
curie Et de . . . viijd ob. receptis de perquisitis Curie hoc anno tente  
prout patet per Rotulos Curie inde <36>

Summa . . . viijd ob. <37>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE . . . xxviij li xxiiij <38>

DE QUIBUS <39>

defectus  
redditus

Idem computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in le Masonry  
modo in tenura Radulfi Donough' superius onerati ad viijs per  
annum <40> vltra vs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs  
Et in defectu [*redditus*] alterius tenementi ibidem in tenura Thome  
Baker superius <41> onerati ad viijs per annum vltra vs inde  
leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs Et in defectu redditus alterius  
tenementi ibidem <42> in tenura Baret Irysshe superius onerati  
ad viijs per annum vltra ijs vjd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno  
. . . vs vjd <43> Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem  
in tenura Georgij Brewer superius onerati ad viijs per annum  
vltra ijs vjd inde <44> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vs vjd  
Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem superius onerati  
ad viijs per annum vltra <45> ijs vjd inde leuatos hoc anno . . .  
vs vjd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in tenura Cornelij  
Germyn' superius <46> onerati ad viijs per annum vltra vs inde  
leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs Et in defectu [*redditus*] vnus  
tenementi ibidem supra <47> Cellarium nuper in tenura Rogeri  
Typpyn' superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra iijjs inde  
leuatos de exitu hoc <48> anno . . . ijs viijd Et in defectu  
redditus vnus tenementi ibidem in tenura Iohannis whyte  
superius onerati ad xs per <49> annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos  
de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd Et in defectu redditus vnus  
tenementi in tenura <50> willelmi keyten' superius onerati ad xs  
per annum vltra vjs viijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . .  
iijs iiijd Et <51> in defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in  
tenura Iacobi Thomas superius onerati ad xs per annum vnde  
nichil leuatur de <52> exitu hoc anno . . . xs Et in defectu  
redditus vnus tenementi in tenura Iohannis Burton' superius  
onerati ad xxs <53> per annum vltra xijjs iiijd inde leuatos de  
exitu hoc anno . . . vjs viijd Et in defectu redditus vnus basse  
domus <54> pone le Iune superius onerati ad iijs iiijd vnde nichil  
leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs iiijd Et in defectu redditus  
<55> vnus gardini ibidem nuper in tenura Vicarii sancti augustini

[fo. xi, 40-60.]

Defectus  
redditus.

Idem computat in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in le Masonry nuper in tenura Reginaldi Cart'hed' Scryuerner superius onerati <40> ad viij.s per annum vltra iiij.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iiij.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura <41> Iohannis lokyer superius similiter onerati ad .viij.s per annum vltra ij.s inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vj.s. Et in <42> defectu redditus vnus tenementi nuper in tenura eiusdem Iohannis lokyer superius similiter onerati ad viij.s per annum vltra <43> .ij.s. inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . .vj.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura henrici lewes superius <44> similiter onerati ad .viij.s. per annum vltra .ij.s inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . .vj.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper <45> in tenura Roberti Sprotte superius similiter onerati ad .xs per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . .x.s. Et in <46> defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura willelmi Sprotte superius similiter onerati ad .x.s. per annum vltra .ij.s. inde <47> leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . .viij.s. Et in defectu [*redditus omitted in error*] vnus tenementi ibidem vocati Culuerhouse superius similiter onerati ad iiij.s. per annum <48> vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . .iiij.s. Et in defectu redditus vnus basse camere ibidem nuper in tenura Mathei wryght' <49> superius similiter onerati ad iijs iiijd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . .iiij.s. iiij.d. <50>

Summa . . . .xlviij.s. iiij.d. &lt;51&gt;

Solucio  
domino  
abbati et  
Conuentui

Et in denariis solutis domino abbati et Conuentui ibidem in anniuersario Roberti Stone per annum . . . .vj.s viij.d Et in denariis solutis <52> pro expensis factis ad .O. dicti Sacriste dictis abbati et Conuentui ibidem ministrand' et faciend' hoc anno . . . .iiij.s. Et in denariis <53> solutis domino abbati et Conuentui in estate nomine cuiusdam iantaculi quod solebant percipere de dicto officio in Communibus ludis<sup>1</sup> dictorum <54> abbatis et Conuentus per annum . . . .vj.s. viij.d. Et in denariis solutis dictis abbati et Conuentui pro speciebus suis assignatis per <55> annum . . . .xij.d. <56>

Summa . . . .xviij.s. iiij.d &lt;57&gt;

Custus  
necessariorum

Et in denariis solutis Fratri Iohanni howell' gerenti officium Subsacriste abbacie predictae pro labore suo infra ecclesiam predictam per <58> annum . . . .vj.s. viij.d. Et eidem in riguardo pro horrilogio custodiendo et gubernando hoc anno . . . .vj.s. viij.d. Et in stipendio <59> vnus lotricis lauantis vestimenta

fo. XI, 56-73.]

superius onerati ad xxd per annum vnde nichil leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . <56> . . . xxd Et in defectu redditus herbag' placee ibidem in tenura Iohannis webbe superius onerati ad xs per annum vltra <57> vs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . vs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi in Cimiterio superius onerati ad xls <58> per annum vltra xxs inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xxs Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi super baccam sancti <59> augustini superius onerati ad vjs viijd per annum vltra ijs vjd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . iijs ijd Et <60> in defectu redditus vnus tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura Iohanne Purser superius onerati ad xs iiijd per annum vnde nichil <61> leuatur de exitu hoc anno . . . xs iiijd Et in defectu redditus ij tenementorum in lewennesmede superius onerati ad <62> xvjs per annum vltra xiijs iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . ijs viijd Et in defectu redditus vnus tenementi <63> in Cornestrete in tenura Iohannis Clote superius onerati ad xxxiijs iiijd per annum vltra xxxs inde leuatos de exitu <64> hoc anno . . . ijs iiijd Et in defectu redditus molendini apud Berkeley superius onerati ad xj li vijs <65> per annum vltra x li iiijd inde leuatos de exitu hoc anno . . . xxvjs viijd <66>

Summa . . . vj li viijs viijd &lt;67&gt;

lucio } Et in denariis solutis domino abbati et Conuentui in anniuersario  
mino } Roberti Stone per annum . . . vjs viijd Et in denariis solutis  
bati et } pro <68> expensis factis ad O Sacriste domino abbati et Conuentui  
nuentui } ibidem ministrand' et faciend' hoc anno . . . iijs Et in denariis  
<69> solutis domino abbati et Conuentui in estate nomine cuiusdam  
Iantaculi quod solebant percipere in dicto officio in Communibus  
ludis<sup>1</sup> dictorum abbatis <70> et Conuentus per annum . . . vjs  
viijd Et in denariis solutis dicto abbati et Conuentui pro speciebus  
suis assignatis per annum . . . xijd <71>

Summa . . . xviijs iiijd &lt;72&gt;

## OFFICIUM SACRISTE &lt;73&gt;

fo. XIId, 1.]

istus } Et in denariis solutis Fratri Iohanni Cary gerenti officium  
cessariorum } Subsacriste abbacie predictae pro labore suo infra ecclesiam <1>

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 57.

[fo. xi, 60-80.]

ecclesie ibidem per annum . . . iij.s. iiij.d. Et in denariis solutis pro expensis potacionis Conuentus <60> existentis ad vespervas in festo sancti Clementis . Inuencionis sancte Crucis . Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste et Exaltacionis sancte Crucis <61> videlicet ad quodlibet festum .xiiij.d hoc anno . . . iij.s. viij.d. Et in denariis solutis pro apparatu et necessariis dicti nunc Computatoris <62> causa officii sui per annum . . . xiiij.s. iiij.d Et in pergamento empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . vj.d. Et in <63> filo albo empto ad reparacionem vestimentorum hoc anno . . . vj.d. Et in spinteribus emptis pro pannis cericis inde ad diuersa altaria <64> hoc anno . . . nichil . Et in filo de diuersis coloribus et rebandis emptis pro vestimentis inde emendandis hoc anno . nichil . Et in scopis [iij.d *above*] <65> pro mundacione ecclesie ac pro .vj. lampadibus [vj.d *above*] et cepo [iiij.d *above*] pro vnccione campanarum ecclesie predictae hoc anno emptis . . . xiiij.d. Et <66> in vna duodena zonarum vocatarum Tuckynges gurdell [vj.d *above*] et zabulone [ij.d *above*] pro mundacione candelabrorum ecclesie predictae emptis hoc <67> anno . . . viij.d. Et in xxiiij. lagenis et vno potello vini rubij emptis pro missis celebrandis precio lagene .viij.d. hoc <68> anno . . . xvj.s. iiij.d. Et in quinque . Milia . de panibus ea de causa habitis et emptis hoc anno precio Mille .x.d . . . iiij.s. ijd <69> Et in denariis solutis Iohanni webbe pro vna duodena peruorum [?] de lez Mattys de virgis salicis factis apud london' emptis Et <70> infra ecclesiam Monasterii predicti deseruiendis vna cum cariagio [iiij.d *above*] eorundem hoc anno . . . ij.s. iiij.d. Et willelmo Bridde pro factura <71> vnus corduli pro magna campana erga festum Pentecoste hoc anno . . . ij.s. Et in vno potello vini rubij empto die <72> Iouis in Cena domini pro toto Conuentu communicando hoc anno . . . iiij.d. Et in ij. baudrykes emptis de willelmo Gurdeler <73> vnde .j. pro campana vocata Margarete et al' pro campana vocata Stevyn' hoc anno precio cuiuslibet .viij.d. . . . xvj.d. <74>

Summa . . . lxiiij.s. xj.d &lt;75&gt;

Feodum  
Senescalli  
cum  
expensis  
eiusdem

Et in feodo Thome hastynges Senescalli Franchesis et libertatis ibidem hoc anno . . . .vj.s. viij.d. Et in expensis eiusdem <76>  
Senescalli tenendi Curias ibidem hoc anno . . . ij.s. <77>

Summa . . . viij.s. viij.d. &lt;78&gt;

plus in dorso &lt;79&gt;

OFFICIUM SACRISTE &lt;80&gt;



fo. XIId, 2-21.]

predictam hoc anno . . . vjs viijd Et eidem in regardo pro  
 horrologio custodiendo et gubernando . . . vjs viijd <2> Et in  
 stipendio vnus lotricis lauantis vestimenta ecclesie ibidem per  
 annum . . . ijs iiijd Et in denariis solutis <3> pro expensis  
 potacionis Conuentus existentis ad vespas in festo sancti  
 Clementis Inuencionis sancte Crucis Natiuitatis sancti <4> Iohannis  
 Baptiste videlicet ad quodlibet festum festorum predictorum xiiijd  
 hoc anno . . . ijs iiijd Et in denariis <5> solutis pro apparatu  
 et necessarijs dicti nunc Computatoris causa officij sui per annum  
 . . . xijs iiijd Et in pergamento <6> empto pro isto super-  
 scribendo hoc anno . . . vjd Et in spinteribus emptis hoc anno  
 pro pannis sericis <7> ad diuersa altaria hoc anno . . . ijd Et in  
 scopis [iijd *above*] emptis pro mundacione ecclesie filis albis [ijd  
*above*] et aliis coloribus [ijd *above*] <8> Cepo [viijd *above*] pro vnccione  
 campanarum ecclesie predictae lampadibus [iiijd *above*] zonis vocatis  
 Tuckyngerdels zabulo [iiijd *above*] pro mundacione <9> candela-  
 brarum clauis de diuersis sortis anulis [ijd *above*] hamis [ijd *above*]  
 lanternis [viijd *above*] cum aliis necessariis hoc anno emptis . . .  
 <10> . . . ijs xd Et pro falcacione Cimiterij per ij vices hoc  
 anno . . . iiijd Et cuidam homini [xiijd *above*] facienti et  
 emendanti <11> vestiment' ecclesie per ij dies vna cum serico  
 [viijd *above*] et filis [iiijd *above*] de diuersis coloribus emptis ad  
 idem opus . . . xxijjd Et <12> cuidam plumbario operanti super  
 ecclesiam per j diem vna cum vj libris [xvd *above*] soldure emptis  
 ad idem opus . . . xxijjd <13> Et in denariis solutis pro iiij  
 nouis lez bauderyckes emptis pro campanis hoc anno . . . vjs  
 viijd Et in <14> denariis solutis pro xvj vlnis panni linei pro ij  
 paribus linthiaminum pro Clericis precio vlne iiijd . . . vs iiijd  
 Et pro <15> emendacione Cere pertinentis ostio Capelle sancte  
 Crucis hoc anno . . . ijd Et pro noua factura ij baculorum pro  
 torcheis <16> hoc anno . . . xijd Et pro pilis emptis pro isopo  
 hoc anno . . . ijd Et pro emendacione thuribulorum . . . vjd  
 <17> Et in iiij Milia panis ea de causa habitis et emptis hoc anno  
 precio Mille viijd sic in toto . . . ijs viijd Et in xxiiij <18>  
 lagenis [et j potello *above*] vini rubij emptis pro missis celebrandis  
 precio lagene viijd sic in toto . . . xvjs iiijd <19>

Summa . . . lxxvs iiijd <20>

odum  
 nescalli  
 im  
 pensis  
 usdem

Nullum <21>

[fo. xid, 1-19.]

Stipendia  
famulorum.

Et in stipendiis ij. clericorum<sup>1</sup> ad seruiend' in ecclesia ibidem per annum . quorum quilibet capit .xx.s. per annum . . . xl.s. Et in victualibus (1) emptis pro expensis dictorum ij. clericorum tam in esculentibus quam in poculentibus per annum .vltra .v. panes de Miches receptos de panetria (2) qualibet septimana accidente infra tempus Compoti . . . lvij.s. vj.d. sic pro vtroque per septimanam .vj.d. ob. qua. Et in (3) quinque virgis et dimidio panni lanei coloris blod' hoc anno emptis pro vestura dictorum clericorum sic pro quolibet eorum iij. virg' minus per j. (4) quarterium precio virge .ijs. ix.d. qua. . . . xv.s. iij.d. plus per qua. Et in denariis solutis ij. pulsatoribus campanarum conductis ad iij (5) festa principalia videlicet Natalis domini . Pasche . et Purificacionis beate Marie infra tempus huius Compoti vltra .ij. Clericos per [iij septimanas] (6) dictis temporibus pulsand' hoc anno . . . iij.s. iij.d. sic ad festum Natalis domini .xx.d et vtraque alia festa xvj.d [ac] (7) in victualibus emptis pro expensis dictorum pulsatorum ad dicta festa hoc anno . . . xx.d. Et in denariis solutis dictis pulsatoribus (8) conductis per .xvij. dies in aliis maioribus festis duplicibus modo predicto cum vno pulsatore similiter conducto per iij. dies in (9) minoribus festis pro ij. campanis pulsandis infra tempus huius Compoti vtroque eorum capienti qualibet vice .iiij.d sine cibo hoc (10) anno . . . xij.s. viij.d. Et in denariis solutis dictis pulsatoribus in anniuersariis Roberti hardyng domine Eue vxoris sue (11) et Roberti Berkeley ad .ij. vices [sic] infra tempus huius Compoti . quorum vterque capit qualibet vice .v.d sine cibo hoc anno (12) . . . .ij.s. vj.d (13)

Summa . . . vj.li.<sup>2</sup> xiijs xjd (14)Empcio  
olei cere et  
candelarum }

Et in Cxv. libris cere non operate emptis de willelmo de la Founte [C. libr' *above*] et Ricardo Griffith [xv. libr' *above*] pro torchis et cereis inde fiendis ad (15) officium Sacriste predicti hoc anno vnde .C. libre precio libre viij.d. et xv libre precio libre .viij.d. ob. sic in toto . . . lxxvjs. ob. (16) Et in denariis solutis Ricardo Griffith . pro iij. torchis ab eo emptis erga festum Natalis domini . vnde j. pro domino abbate (17) ponder' .xiiij. lb. [iij.s vjd *above*] et ij. pro ecclesia predicta ponderant' xxxiiij. lb. [viijs iij.d *above*] precio libre .iij.d hoc anno . . . xj.s. ix.d. Et eidem (18) Ricardo pro. ij. torchis ab eo emptis erga festum Natalis domini ad seruiend' in Capella beate Marie virginis ponderantibus (19)

fo. XIId, 22-40.]

pendia Et in stipendiis ij Clericorum<sup>1</sup> ad deseruiend' in Ecclesia ibidem per annum quorum quilibet capit xxs per annum . . . xls Et in <22> victualibus emptis pro expensis ij Clericorum tam in esculentibus quam in poculentibus per annum vltra quinque panes de Miches receptos <23> de Cellerario qualibet septimana accidente infra tempus Compoti vtroque eorum per septimanam vjd ob. qua. sic in toto . . . lviijs vjd <24> Et in quinque virgis ac j quarterio panni lanei violet' coloris hoc anno emptis pro vestura dictorum Clericorum sic pro <25> quolibet eorum ij virg' dimid' et dimidio quarterii precio virge ijs ix d . . . xvs ijd Et in denariis solutis ij pulsatoribus campanarum <26> conductis ad iij festa principalia Videlicet Natalis domini Pasche et Purificacionis beate Marie virginis infra tempus huius <27> Compoti vltra ij clericos per iij septimanas dictis temporibus pulsand' hoc anno . . . iijs viijd [*sic*] sic ad festum Natalis <28> domini xxd et ad vtraque alia festa xvjd Et in victualibus emptis pro expensis dictorum pulsatorum ad dicta festa hoc <29> anno . . . xxd Et in denariis solutis dictis pulsatoribus conductis per xvij dies in aliis maioribus festis duplicibus <30> modo predicto cum vno pulsatore similiter conducto per iiijor dies in minoribus festis pro ij campanis pulsandis infra <31> tempus huius Compoti vtroque eorum capienti qualibet vice iiijd sine cibo hoc anno . . . xijs viijd Et in denariis <32> solutis dictis pulsatoribus in anniuersariis Roberti hardynge Domine Eue vxoris sue et Roberti Berkeley ad iij vices <33> infra tempus huius Compoti quorum vterque capit qualibet vice vd sine cibo hoc anno . . . ijs vjd <34>

Summa . . . vj li xvs ijd <35>

pcio  
i Cere et  
delarum } Et in ~~iiij~~ libris cere non operate emptis hoc anno precio libre vjd qua sic in toto . . . xls Et in denariis solutis <36> pro v torchis erga festum Natalis domini emptis vnde j pro domino abbate ponderante viij lb. precio libre vd et iiij pro ecclesia <37> ponderantibus xl lb. precio libre ijd sic in toto . . . xiijs iiijd Et pro. ix lb. de wykeyern' emptis <38> hoc anno precio libre ijd ob. . . . xxijd ob. Et in xxiiij lagenis olei emptis hoc anno precio lagene xvjd <39> sic in toto . . . xxxijs Et in denariis

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 65.

<sup>2</sup> .. above first letter.

[fo. xid, 20-40.]

xviij. lb. precio libre iijd hoc anno . . . iij.s. vj.d. Et in xxvj. lagenis et j potello olei emptis de Clemente <20> wilshire pro expensis lampadum in ecclesia Capitulo et Refectorio precio lagene .xvj.d. hoc anno . . . xxxv.s. iij.d. Et <21> in xlvj. duodenis candelarum emptis de willelmo Byconell' duodenum ad .xv.d. libra ad jd qua. hoc anno . . . lvijs. vjd. <22> Et in denariis solutis prefato Ricardo Griffith pro .vij. libris de wekeyern emptis pro cereis inde fiendis precio libre .iijd <23> hoc anno . . . xxj.d. <24>

Summa . . . .ix.li.<sup>1</sup> vj.s. x.d. ob. <25>

Custus  
reparacionis.

Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis tam infra ecclesiam quam in diuersis locis et domibus infra villam Bristoll' et <26> molendino de Berkeley huic officio pertinentibus vt patet in libro dicti nunc Computatoris . vnde parcella earundem expensarum in presencia <27> domini abbatis parcellatim examinata et probata hoc anno atting' ad . . . .lv.s. vj.d. ob. <28>

Summa . . . .lv.s.<sup>2</sup> vj.d. ob. <29>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXV.LI. XV.S. VIJ.D. ET DEBENTUR . . . <30> . . . XJ.LI. VIJ.S. VJ.D. OB. QUA. De quibus allocantur dicto Computatori iij.s. iij.d. <31> solutis Ricardo Spynner in riguardo sibi dato per dominum abbatem causa diligencie sue in <32> colleccione redditus de Berkeley huic officio pertinentis hoc anno . ET SIC DEBENTUR. . . . <33> . . . XJ.LI. IIIJ.S. IJ.D. OB. QUA. ad quos oneratur de . . . vj.s. viij.d. receptis de exitu ijarum porcionum <34> cere prouenientis de oblacione parochianorum sancti Nicholai in villa Bristoll' hoc anno . ET SIC EST SUMMA <35> DEBITI CONIUNCTA. . . . XJ.LI. x.s. x.d. OB. QUA. De quibus allocantur ei . . . iij li. xijs. vijd. qua . <36> sibi ipsi Fratri Iohanni Martyn' existenti Magistro Noui operis in releuamen eiusdem officij huius anni [*sic*] per mandatum domini <37> abbatis hoc anno soluti . ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . VJ.LI. XVIIJ.S. IIJ.D. OB. <38>

QUI SUNT. <39>

Super. . . . Dictum Fratrem Iohannem Martyn' supra Computatorem de arreragijs suis vt in precedente etc <40>

<sup>1</sup> .∴ above first letter.

<sup>2</sup> .∴ above second letter.

[fo. XIId, 40-53.]

solutis cuidam Ceroferario facienti Cereos per totum annum . . .  
v.s Et <40> in xxxvij duodenis candelarum emptis hoc anno  
precio duodene xijd sic in toto . . . xxxvijs <41>

Summa . . . vj li ixs ijd ob. <42>

Reparaciones Et in diuersis reparacionibus hoc anno factis tam infra ecclesiam  
quam in diuersis locis et domibus infra villam Bristoll' <43> [et]  
molendino de Berkeley huic officio pertinentibus vt particulariter  
patet in libro dicti nunc Computatoris vnde parcella earundem  
<44> expensarum in presencia domini abbatis examinatur et  
probatur hoc anno . . . xviijs vjd <45>

Summa . . . xviijs vjd <46>

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . XXV.LI V.S IJD  
OB. ET <47> DEBENTUR . . . LVJS VIIJD OB. ad quos oneratur  
cum . . . <48> . . . vjs viijd pro pane et vino pro missa  
fundatorum anni proxime precedentis [viz anno Regis henrici  
octaui secundo *above*] ET <49> SIC EST SUMMA DEBITI CONIUNCTA  
. . . LXIIJS IIIJD OB. <50> De quibus allocantur ei . . . ixs  
iiijd de quodam superplusagio pendente in anno proxime <51>  
precedente ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . LIIIJS OB. Qui liberantur  
Fatri Iohanni <52> Nuland' Thesaurario huius Monasterii  
etc <53>

eddit  
Thesaurario

[fo. xii, 1-21.]

Officium  
Recepte  
Commune  
Monasterii  
sancti  
augustini  
Bristol'  
arreragia.

COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS NULAND' THESAURARII COMMUNE  
MONASTERII PREDICTI A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI

<1> ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI .VIJm. SEPTIMO .VSQUE IDEM  
FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS .VIJ<sup>o</sup>. <2>

NULLA. prout patet in pede Compoti anni proxime precedentis  
etc <3>

Summa . . . nulla <4>

asshelworth'. Sed reddit de . . . xxxvj.li. xv.s. ix.d. receptis de Iohanne  
hoiskyns Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in compoto  
<5> suo huius anni. Et de . . . xiiij.li. xj.s. v.d. receptis de  
Iohanne longe et Thoma longe appruatoribus terrarum  
dominicalium <6> ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo  
huius anni etc <7>

Summa . . . lj.li.<sup>1</sup> vij.s. ij.d <8>

almondes-  
bury. Et de . . . xxxvij.li. iiij.s. viij.d ob. qua. receptis de willelmo  
Selcok' preposito et Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet  
<9> in Compoto suo huius anni. Et de . . . xlj.li. vij.s. vj.d ob.  
receptis de willelmo Panhe appruatore terrarum dominicalium  
<10> ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni etc <11>

Summa . . . lxxviij.li.<sup>1</sup> xij.s. iij.d qua. <12>

Berkeley Et de . . . liij.li. iij.s. viij.d ob. receptis de Ricardo Spynner  
balliuo ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compotio suo huius <13> anni  
etc <14>

Summa . . . liij.li.<sup>1</sup> iij.s. viij.d. ob. <15>

Blakesworth'. Et de . . . vj.li. iij.s. vj.d ob. receptis de waltero yonge Collectore  
redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo <16> huius  
anni etc <17>

Summa . . . vj.li. iij.s. vj.d. ob. <18>

Cromehale. Et de . . . xv.li. ij.s. ij.d. receptis de Iohanne webbe balliuo et  
Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto <19>  
suo huius anni etc <20>

Summa . . . xv.li. ij.s. ij.d. <21>

<sup>1</sup> .i.e. above second letter.

[fo. XII, 1-19.]

<p>Officium Recepte Commune Monasterii sancti augustini Bristol'</p>	}	<p>COMPOTUS FRATRIS IOHANNIS NULAND' THESAURARII COMMUNE MONASTERII PREDICTI A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI &lt;1&gt; ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI OCTAUI TERCIO VSQUE IDEM FESTUM ANNO REGNI EIUSDEM REGIS QUARTO &lt;2&gt;</p>
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arreragia IDEM reddit compotum de . . . DCCCCxij li de arreragiis Compoti  
anni proxime precedentis prout patet in pede ibidem <3>

Summa . . . DCCCCxij li <4>

asshelworth' Et de . . . xxxvj.li xviijs viijd receptis de willelmo longe  
Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo  
huius anni <5> Et de . . . xiiij li ijs xjd receptis de Thoma  
longe appruatore terrarum dominicalium ibidem hoc anno vt  
patet in Compoto suo <6> huius anni <7>

Summa . . . lj li xixd <8>

lmondess-  
bury Et de . . . xxxvij li iiijs viijd ob. qua. receptis de willelmo  
Vympeny preposito et Collectore redditus ibidem vt patet in  
Compoto suo huius <9> anni Et de . . . lj li viijs xd receptis de  
Iohanne Piers appruatore terrarum dominicalium ibidem hoc anno  
vt patet in Compoto suo <10> huius anni <11>

Summa . . . <sup>xx</sup>iiij li xiijs vjd ob. qua. <12>

erkeley Et de . . . xlv li iijs xjd receptis de Iohanne Spynner Balliuo  
ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <13>

Summa . . . xlv.li iijs xjd <14>

lakesworth' Et de . . . vj li xs ijd ob. receptis de Thoma yonge Collectore  
redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <15>

Summa . . . vj li xs ijd ob. <16>

romehale Et de . . . xv.li ijs ix d receptis de Roberto Dymerey Balliuo  
et Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo  
<17> huius anni <18>

Summa . . . xv li ijs ix d <19>

[fo. xii, 22-38.]

Collector  
redditus ville  
Bristoll'

De aliquibus denariis per dictum Thesaurarium receptis de  
henrico Bruggez Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno non reddit .  
eo quod nichil ab <22> eodem Collectore recepit hoc anno <23>

Summa . . . nulla . &lt;24&gt;

Erlyngham.

Sed reddit de . . . viij.li. xvij.d. receptis de Thoma hyot  
Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo  
<25> huius anni etc <26>

Summa . . . viij.li.<sup>1</sup> xvij.d <25>

Fyfhyde.

Et de . . . Cxiiij.s. ij.d. receptis de Iohanne Browne Collectore  
redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo <26> huius anni.  
Et de . . . xxj.li. xj.s. xj.d. receptis de Thoma Baker Firmario  
terrarium dominicalium ibidem hoc anno <27> vt patet in Compoto  
suo huius anni . Et de . . . Cj.s. ob. receptis de Ricardo Pope  
Firmario personatus ibidem hoc anno vt <28> patet in Compoto  
suo huius anni etc <29>

Summa . . . xxxij.li.<sup>2</sup> vij.s. j.d ob. <30>pone Filton  
in titulo hic  
anno  
sequente<sup>3</sup>

horefeld'.

De aliquibus denariis per dictum Thesaurarium receptis de  
willelmo houper Firmario terrarium dominicalium ibidem hoc  
anno non reddit . eo quod <31> traditur ei ad firmam in granis .  
Sed reddit de . . . xxiiij.li. xij.s. xj.d receptis de willelmo  
Porker Iuniore Collectore <32> redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet  
in Compoto suo huius anni etc <33>

Summa . . . xxiiij.li.<sup>4</sup> xij.s. xj.d <34>

lygh'.

De aliquibus denariis per dictum Thesaurarium receptis de  
Thoma webbe Firmario terrarium dominicalium ibidem hoc anno  
non reddit. eo quod <35> traditur ei ad firmam in granis . Sed  
reddit de . . . xxiiij.li. xij.s. ix.d receptis de Iohanne Bye  
Collectore redditus ibidem <36> hoc anno vt patet in Compoto  
suo huius anni etc <37>

Summa . . . xxiiij.li.<sup>2</sup> xij.s. ix.d <38><sup>1</sup> ∴ above second, third and fourth letters.<sup>2</sup> ∴ above first and second letters.



[fo. XII, 20-38.]

Collector  
redditus ville  
Bristoll' Et de . . . vj li receptis de Fratre willelmo wynter Collectore  
redditus Communis ville Bristoll' vt patet in Compoto suo huius  
anni <20>

Summa . . . vj li <21>

Erlyngham Et de . . . viij li xvijs receptis de Thoma hyot Collectore redditus  
ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <22>

Summa . . . viij li xvijs <23>

Fyfhide Et de . . . Cxiiijs ijd receptis de willelmo Pope Collectore  
redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni  
Et de . . . <24> . . . xx.li ijs iiijd ob. receptis de Iohanne  
Dubyn' Firmario terrarum dominicalium ibidem hoc anno vt  
patet in Compoto suo huius <25> anni Et de . . . liijs iiijd  
receptis de willelmo Birteport Capellano Firmario personatus  
ibidem hoc anno vt patet in <26> Compoto suo huius anni <27>

Summa . . . xxviij li xs xd ob. <28>

Fylton' Et de . . . xls receptis de exitu personatus garbarum decimalium  
de Fylton' hoc anno per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii <29>

Summa . . . xls <30>

horefeld' De aliquibus denariis per dictum Thesaurarium receptis de Thoma  
walter Firmario terrarum dominicalium ibidem hoc anno non  
reddit eo quod <31> traditur ei ad firmam in granis Sed reddit de  
. . . xxiiij li xiijs xjd receptis de Iohannis Cory Collectore redditus  
ibidem hoc anno <32> vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <33>

Summa . . . xxiiij li xiijs xjd <34>

Lygh De aliquibus denariis per dictum Thesaurarium receptis de  
Thoma Colyns Firmario terrarum dominicalium ibidem hoc anno  
non reddit eo quod traditur <35> ei ad firmam in granis Sed reddit  
de . . . xxiiij li xijs ixjd receptis de Iohanne Pascowe Collectore  
redditus ibidem hoc anno <36> vt patet in Compoto suo huius  
anni <37>

Summa . . . xxiiij.li xijs ixjd <38>

<sup>3</sup> The full amount of xls. is entered among the "things forgotten" at the very end of the account; this note is for the benefit of next year's scribe, who will use this account as the basis of his own.

<sup>4</sup> .i. above first letter.

[fo. xii, 39-58.]

Portebury. Et de . . . ix.li. xiiij.s. vj.d ob. receptis de Iohanne lypeyate Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto <39> suo huius anni etc <40>

Summa . . . ix.li.<sup>1</sup> xiiij.s. vj.d ob. <41>

Poulet. Et de . . . xix.li. xviiij.s. receptis de Thoma Baldewyn' Firmario ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo <42> huius anni etc <43>

Summa . . . xix.li. xviiij.s. <44>

Rouburgh'. Et de . . . x.li. x.s. iiij.d receptis de Iohanne houchyns Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius <45> anni etc <46>

Summa . . . x.li. x.s. iiij.d <47>

Sarney. De aliquibus exitibus siue proficuis Manerii ibidem hoc anno non reddit . eo quod Custos Officij vestiarii infra dictam abbatiam <48> omnia exitus et proficua ibidem proueniencia percipit et habet ratione officij sui sic ab antiqua inde ordinacione facta de quibus oneratur <49> in Compoto officij predicti huius anni vt patet ibidem etc <50>

Summa . . . nulla . <51>

Baggerugge Sed reddit de . . . iiij.li. receptis de Roberto kene Firmario ibidem per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno super Compotum suum etc <52>

Summa . . . iiij.li.<sup>2</sup> <53>

ailberton'. Et de . . . vj.li. receptis per manum Iohannis walshe Firmarii personatus ibidem per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno. Tamen <54> solebat affirmari pro viij.li. per annum. <55>

Summa . . . vj.li.<sup>3</sup> <56>

kynges-weston'. Et de . . . vj.li. receptis de henrico Poleyn' Firmario ibidem per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii super hunc compotum hoc anno. <57>

Summa . . . vj.li.<sup>3</sup> <58>

<sup>1</sup> ∴ above first and second letters.

<sup>2</sup> ∴ above first three letters.

<sup>3</sup> ∴ above first letter.

[fo. XII, 39-55.]

Portebury Et de . . . xiiij li vs ijd ob. receptis de waltero Phelpis Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <39>

Summa . . . xiiij li vs ijd ob. <40>

Poulet Et de . . . xviiij li ijs ijd receptis de willelmo williams Firmario ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <41>

Summa . . . xviiij li ijs ijd <42>

Rouburgh' Et de . . . x.li xjs xd receptis de Iohanne Squyer Collectore redditus ibidem hoc anno vt patet in Compoto suo huius anni <43>

Summa . . . x.li xjs xd <44>

erney De aliquibus denariis receptis de exitibus siue proficuis Manerij ibidem hoc anno non reddit eo quod Custos officii Vestiarii infra dictam <45> abbatiam omnia exitus et proficua ibidem proueniencia percipit et habet ratione officij sui predicti sic ab antiqua ordinacione inde <46> facta de quibus oneratur in Compoto suo huius anni vt patet ibidem <47>

Summa . . . nulla <48>

aggerugge Sed reddit de . . . iiij li receptis de Ricardo Frye Firmario ibidem vt patet per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno <49>

Summa . . . iiij li <50>

lberton' Et de . . . vj li receptis de Roberto Poyntz Milite Firmario personatus ibidem per recognicionem dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno Tamen solebat <51> affirmari pro viij li per annum <52>

Summa . . . vj li <53>

nges-eston' Et de . . . iiij li iiijd receptis de vendicione diuersorum granorum decimalium hoc anno per Cellerarium etc <54>

Summa . . . iiij li iiijd <55>

[fo. xii, 59-74.]

wappeley. De aliquibus exitibus siue proficuis personatus ibidem hoc anno non reddit . eo quod omnia huiusmodi proficua pertinent officio Noui <59> operis ecclesie dicte abbacie . sic ab antiquo tempore assignata et vsitata . vnde Iohannes 'Martyn' [Canonicus nunc Custos] <60> dicti officij in Compoto suo eiusdem officij oneratur modo prius vsitato etc <61>

Summa . . . nulla . <62>

halberton'  
in Deuonia

Sed reddit de . . . xxvj.li. xiiij.s. vj.d receptis de Iohanne Sidenham Firmario Rectorie ibidem cum suis pertinentibus de firma <63> sua huius anni . sic sibi dimisse per indenturam ad terminum annorum Soluendis ad festa sancti andree apostoli . Inuencionis sancte <64> Crucis et sancti Petri quod dicitur aduincula equis porcionibus . vna cum .ij.d. receptis infra eandem summam de incremento redditus <65> pro licencia habenda de nouo edificando vnam domum vocatam le Churchehouse super solum dominicale ibidem ad vsum <66> parochie imperpetuum etc <67>

Summa . . . xxvj.li. xiiij.s. vj.d <68>

Firma  
spiritualium  
et  
temporalium  
in wallia

Et de . . . xxxij.li. iij.d. ob. receptis de willelmo adams nomine Iohannis abbatis tam de parte exitus et firmarum Manerii <69> de Pennarth' cum suis pertinentibus . ac cum omnibus spiritualibus et temporalibus ibidem ad x.li. per annum . quam de exitu firmarum <70> omnium spiritualium et temporalium de Petresmore Rempny sancto Melano et Mersfeld' in wallia cum suis pertinentibus ad <71> [blank] per annum . sic in manu dicti Iohannis abbatis . De exitu pensionum ecclesiarum in dictis partibus wallie non reddit hic . eo quod <72> assignantur prefato abbati etc <73>

Summa . . . xxxij.li. <sup>1</sup> iij.d. ob. <sup>2</sup> <74>

<sup>1</sup> . . . above first letter.

<sup>2</sup> Presumably the sums of £32 os. 3½d. and £46 6s. 5½d., respectively, represent the total profits from these properties in the two years, excepting only the pensions from the churches. Petresmore, Rempney, etc., form a compact group at no great distance from Penarth, so that they could easily be put in the charge of one bailiff or overseer; but why it was considered advisable to hand them over to the abbot in this fashion we cannot tell; it would have been easy to understand had he paid in a fixed sum of, say, £10 or even £20.

fo. XII, 56-65.]

De aliquibus exitibus siue proficuis personatus ibidem hoc anno non reddit eo quod omnia huiusmodi proficua pertinent Officio Novi <56> Operis ecclesie dicte abbacie sic ab antiquo tempore vsitata et assignata vnde Iohannes Nuland' Canonicus nunc Custos <57> dicti officij in Compoto suo eiusdem officij oneratur modo prius vsitato <58>

Summa . . . nulla <59>

Sed reddit de . . . xxvj li xiijs vjd receptis de Iohanne Syde[nham *half a line of MS torn away* . . . . .] <60> anni sic dimisse per indenturam ad terminum annorum Solu [*half a line of MS torn away* . . . . .] <61> sancti Petri quod dicitur aduincula equis porcionibus vna cum [*half a line of MS torn away* . . . . .] <62> habenda de nouo edificando vnam domum vocatam le Ch [*half a line of MS torn away* . . . . .] <63>

Summa . . . x[xvj li xiijs vjd] <64>

OFFICIUM COM[MUNE] <65>

fo. XIIId, 1-5.]

Et de . . . xlvj li vjs vd ob. qua. receptis de [*top of membrane missing*] <1> ac cum omnibus spiritualibus et temporalibus ibidem ad x[tear] <2> [Petres]more Rempney sancto Melano et Mersfeld' [tear] <3> [*illegible*] exitu pensionum Ecclesiarum in dictis partibus wa[tear] <4>

Summa . . . xlvj[li vjs vd ob. qua.] <5><sup>2</sup>

[fo. xii, 75-81.]

Pensiones. Sed reddit de . . . iiij.li. receptis de quadam annua pensione Vicarii sancti Nicholai in Bristoll' per annum. Et de . . . [xl.s.] <75> receptis de quadam annua pensione Vicarii ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum in dicta villa per annum. <76>

Summa . . . vj.li.<sup>1</sup> <77>

Firma  
Tannarie  
infra  
abbatiam

} Et de . . . nichil recept' de exitu vnius domus Tannarie infra dictam abbatiam [*several words illegible*] <78>

Summa . . . nulla <79>

Redditus in  
She[pt]on'<sup>2</sup>

Et de . . . v[j.] s. viij.d. receptis de [*remainder of entry illegible*] <80>

[Summa . . . ] vj.s. viij.d. <81>

Redditus  
[prope]  
a[bbatiam]  
etc.]

[*Entry altogether torn away*]

<sup>1</sup> ∴ above first letter.

<sup>2</sup> This is Shepton Mallet, as is shown by the Exchequer List of Temporalities of 1428.

o. XIIId, 6-24.]

ensiones Et de . . . iiij li receptis de annua pensione Vicarii sancti [Nicholai *MS torn*] in Bristoll' per annum Et de . . . xls receptis <6> de quadam annua pensione Vicarii ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum in dicta villa per annum <7>

Summa . . . vj li <8>

ma  
nnarie  
ra  
batiam } De aliquo proficuo proueniente de exitu unius domus Tannarie infra dictam abbatiam hoc anno non reddit eo quod domus <9> illa occupatur cum meremio pro reparacione huius Monasterii <10>

Summa . . . nulla <11>

dditus in  
epton'<sup>a</sup> Sed reddit de vjs viijd receptis de redditu cuiusdam tenementi cum suis pertinentibus ibidem sic dimissi Thome Eylond' ad <12> terminum vite sue per Rotulum Curie de Rouburgh <13>

Summa . . . vjs viijd <14>

dditus  
ope  
batiam  
cti  
gustini  
istoll' } De xiijs iiijd nuper receptis per manum henrici Beremaker de redditu cuiusdam domus cum ij Thoralibus pro calce in eisdem <15> comburendo inter duas portas prope abbatiam non reddit eo quod dicta domus iacet totaliter in decasu et nullum proficuum <16> per tempus huius Compoti accidit Nec de . . . ijs de exitu herbagii vnus vie a dicta domu extendentis vsque ad officium <17> lauandarie dicte abbacie hoc anno quia depascitur cum equis domini abbatis <18>

Summa . . . nulla <19>

orewell' Nec de aliquibus exitibus siue proficuis Manerij de Gorewell' in isto Compoto neque decetero eo quod Custos officij denariorum <20> Gracie infra abbatiam omnia exitus et proficua ibidem prouenient' percipit et habet racione statuti per willelmum nuper abbatem dicti Monasterii <21> et eiusdem loci Conuentus facti Et eciam per Reuerendum in Christo patrem et dominum Iohannem permissione diuina <22> wigorniensis Episcopum confirmati De quibus idem custos oneratur in Compoto suo hoc anno <23>

Summa . . . nulla <24>

[fo. xiiid, 1-15.]

[ *Large irregular piece torn away.* ]

S[UMMA TOTALIS RECEPT]E. . . . CCCCIII<sup>xx</sup>JV.LI. VIJ.S. IX.D.  
 [?qua.] <1>

DE QUIBUS &lt;2&gt;

Super-  
plusagium.

NULLUM. &lt;3&gt;

Summa . . . nulla &lt;4&gt;

Restitutio  
debiti.

Sed computat in denariis solutis in parte restitutionis Cxxxiiij.li.  
 xiiij.s. j.d. ob. de debito walteri [ . . . . . ] <5>  
 vt patet inter Creditores hoc anno etc . . . xxij.li. <6>

Summa . . . xxij.li. &lt;7&gt;

Resolutio  
redditus.

Et in denariis solutis pro quodam annuali redditu .iiij.s. iiij.d per  
 annum debito Edwardo Forde pro certis terris et tenementis  
 infra <8> Manerium de Rouburgh'. eo quod solucio inde in Compoto  
 dicti Manerii non allocatur hoc anno . . . iiij.s. iiij.d Et <9>  
 abbati de Dora in wallia pro quodam annuali redditu .ij.s. per  
 annum pro certis terris et tenementis in Erlyngham sibi  
 debito <10> Soluendo ad terminum sancti Michaelis per annum .  
 hoc anno . . . ij.s. Et in denariis solutis pro sinodalibus ecclesi-  
 arum de horefeld' <11> et aylberton' ad .ij.s. [*sic*] per annum hoc  
 anno . . . xij.d. Et in denariis solutis pro fine secte domini  
 abbatis ad Curiam [*one word*] de <12> Chuton'<sup>3</sup> pro terris et  
 tenementis in harpetre hoc anno relaxande . . . ij.s. Et in j. libra  
 Cimini empta pro redditu resoluendo <13> domino de wroxale pro  
 molendino de Radford' iuxta lygh' hoc anno . nichil . quia in  
 Cimino etc <14>

Summa . . . viij.s.<sup>4</sup> iiij.d <15><sup>1</sup> cf. pp. 27-45.<sup>2</sup> v. Intr., p. 75.<sup>3</sup> The property in Harptree was probably Gorewell (v. Intr., p. 65); the Court of Chuton' was the Court of the Bishop of Bath and Wells at Chewton Mendip.<sup>4</sup> .i.e. above second, third and fourth letters.



fo. XIIId, 25-45.]

receptio  
maneriorum  
precio  
victualium  
diuersis  
maneriis  
euentium<sup>1</sup>

Sed reddit de . . . xlvij s xjd ob. receptis de precio diuersorum victualium proueniencium de exitu Firmariorum et prouidencia diuersorum Maneriorum <25> Rectoriarum dicte Commune per manum Senescalli hospicii domini abbatis sic de Ministris dictorum Maneriorum et Rectoriarum ad diuersas <26> vices receptis vt de precio predicto sicut in Compotis diuersorum Ministorum huius anni continentur <27>

Summa . . . xlvij s xjd ob. <28>

Nullum

Nullum quia nullum accidit hoc anno <29>

Summa . . . nulla <30>

recepta  
insecra

Sed reddit de . . . vjd receptis de officio Infirmarii Et de . . . xxv s vjd receptis de officio Refectorarii Et de . . . <31> . . . liij s ob. receptis de officio Sacriste Et de . . . xli xvij s ob. receptis de remanencia ad participacionem Conuentus hoc anno<sup>2</sup> <32>

Summa . . . xliij li xix s jd <33>

SUMMA TOTALIS RECEPTE CUM ARRERAGIIS . . . M<sup>L</sup>CCCLXIIJ LI  
XIXS IXD OB <34> DE QUIBUS <35>

super-  
lucragium

Nullum <36>

restitutio  
debiti

Nulla <37>

resolucio  
reditus

Sed computat in denariis solutis pro quodam annuali redditu iij s iiij d per annum debito hered' Edwardi Forde pro certis terris et tenementis <38> infra Manerium de Rouburgh' eo quod solucio inde in Compoto dicti Manerii non allocatur hoc anno . . . iij s iiij d. Et <39> abbati de Dora in wallia pro quodam annuali redditu ijs per annum pro certis terris et tenementis in Erlyngham sibi debito <40> Soluendo ad terminum sancti Michaelis per annum hoc anno . . . ijs Et in denariis solutis pro Sinodalibus Capellarum de horefeld' <41> et ailberton' ad xjd per annum hoc anno . . . xjd Et in denariis solutis de fine pro secta domini abbatis ad Curiam <42> de Chuton' pro terris et tenementis in harpetree<sup>1</sup> hoc anno relaxanda . . . ijs Et in j. libra Cimini empta pro redditu resoluendo <43> domino de wroxall' pro molendino de Radford' iuxta lygh' hoc anno nichil quia in Cimino <44>

Summa . . . viij s iiij d <45>

[fo. xiiid, 16-31.]

Solucio  
pensionum  
cum dis-  
tribucione  
in Cena  
domini

a causa.ij.  
integrarum  
decimarum  
domino Regi  
hoc anno  
concessarum  
et de pensione  
abbatis  
deductarum.<sup>1</sup>

Et in denariis solutis abbati de Redynge pro quadam pensione .xiiijli. vjs. viij.d. sibi debita pro quadam porcione garbarum decimalium <16> infra parochiam de Berkeley soluenda ad terminos Pasche et sancti Michaelis archangeli per annum . hoc anno . . . x.li. xiijs. iiij.d. <17> Et Sacriste Prioratus wigorniensis pro quadam annua pensione .lxvj.s. viij.d. sibi debita pro ecclesia predicta ad terminos <18> predictos per annum . hoc anno . . . lxvj.s. viij.d. Et Collectori domini pape pro procuracionibus suis sibi debitis hoc anno vijs. <19> Et Rectori ecclesie de Bedmistr' pro quadam annua pensione sibi debita pro decimis molendinorum domini abbatis vocatorum Trivel <20> mylles per compositionem inde olim factam . hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et archidiacono Bathon' pro procuracionibus suis in ecclesiis <21> domini abbatis de Portbury Clyuedon' et Tykenham sibi debitis per annum . hoc anno . . . xxij.s. v.d. ob. qua. Et in <22> distribucionibus factis pauperibus in Cena domini ad mandatum domini abbatis prout moris est hoc anno . . . viij.s. iiij.d. <23> Et Rectori de wynterborn' pro quadam porcione garbarum decimalium infra parochiam de almondesbury per quandam nouam <24> Compositionem inde inter abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii predicti et ipsum nuper factam . hoc anno . . . viij.s. <25>

Summa . . . xvij.li. v.s. ix.d. ob. qua. <26>

Solucio  
corrodii

Et in denariis solutis Edwardo Iohn' pro <sup>2</sup> corrodio suo ad .lxvj.s. viij.d. per annum sibi debito per abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii <27> predicti concesso . Soluendo ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie virginis et sancti Michaelis et .v.s pro calciaturis . ac cum vna <28> [cum *struck through*] toga vel decem solidis pro eadem sic per annum vltra predictam togam .lxxjs. viij.d. hoc anno . . . lxxj.s. viij.d. Et <29> eidem Edwardo pro vna toga. eo quod non habuit liberatam suam in panno hoc anno . . . x.s <30>

Summa . . . iiij.li. <sup>3</sup> xx.d. <31>

<sup>1</sup> Saint Augustine's wisely takes the precaution of deducting the tax from the amount sent to Reading; if anyone has to pay double taxes it will be Reading, not Bristol. In 1491-92 the deduction is correct, but in 1511-12 the amount sent to Reading should be £12 13s. 4d.; £12 represents a deduction of a whole tenth, whereas only half a tenth appears to have been collected.

fo. XIIId, 46-62.]

olucio  
ensionum  
um dis-  
tribucione  
i cena  
omni . . .

Et in denariis solutis abbati de Redynge pro quadam annua pensione xiiij li vjs viijd sibi debita pro quadam porcione <46> garbarum decimalium infra parochiam de Berkeley Soluenda ad terminos pasche et sancti Michaelis archangeli per annum hoc anno <47> . . . xij.li [et non plus propter decimas<sup>2</sup> *above*] Et Sacriste prioratus wigorniensis pro annua pensione lxxvjs viijd sibi debita pro ecclesia predicta ad <48> terminos predictos per annum hoc anno . . . lxxvjs viijd Et Collectori domini pape pro procuracionibus suis debitis hoc anno . . . vijs <49> Et Rectori de Bedmistr' pro quadam annua pensione sibi debita pro decimis molendinorum domini abbatis vocatorum Trivelmylles per <50> Composicionem inde olim factam hoc anno . . . xxs Et archidiacono Bathon' pro procuracionibus suis in Ecclesijs domini abbatis de <51> Portebury Clyvedon' et Tykenham sibi debitis per annum hoc anno . . . xxijs v.d ob. Et in distribucione <52> facta pauperibus in Cena domini ad mandatum domini abbatis prout mos est hoc anno . . . viijs viijd Et Rectori <53> de wynterbourne pro quadam porcione garbarum decimalium infra parochiam de almondesbury per quandam [*nouam composicionem*] inde inter <54> abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii predicti et ipsum nuper factam hoc anno . . . viijs <55>

Summa . . . xviiij li xijs vd ob. <56>

olucio  
prodii

Et in denariis solutis Edwardo Iohn' et Iohanni Thloide<sup>2</sup> pro corodio suo ad lxxvjs viijd per annum sibi debito <57> per abbatem et Conuentum Monasterii predicti concessio Soluendo ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie virginis et sancti Michaelis <58> archangeli et vs pro calciaturis suis ac cum vna toga vel decem solidis pro eadem sic per annum vltra predictam togam <59> lxxjs viijd hoc anno . . . lxxjs viijd Et eisdem Edwardo et Iohanni pro vna toga eo quod non habuerunt <60> liberatam suam in panno hoc anno . . . xs <61>

Summa . . . iiij li xxd <62>

<sup>2</sup> This corrody was granted at the demand of the Crown (cf. Intr., p. 7), and the holders were usually members of the Royal household or old soldiers. On 20th March, 1512, the corrody of Edward John, deceased, was granted by the Crown to John Lloyd, gentleman of the Chapel [v. L. & P. H. VIII, I. 1123(52)].

<sup>3</sup> . . . *above second and third letters.*

[fo. xiid, 32-49.]

Dona.

Et in denariis datis varijs generosis et alijs personis in accessibus suis ad presenciam domini abbatis et pro amicabili fauore de <32> eis in diuersis materijs necessarijs dicto Monasterio tangentibus in diuersis partibus diuersis de causis obtinenda et habenda . vna cum <33> denariis datis diuersis Ministrall' domini Regis et aliorum dominorum ad dictum Monasterium interueniencium . necnon nuncijs et balliuis itinerantibus <34> supradicti domini Regis ad diuersas vices infra dictum tempus huius Compoti accidentes . vt patet per parcellam dicti Thesaurarii super hunc <35> Compotum ostensam et examinatam hoc anno . . . lv.s. ix.d. <36>

Summa . . . lv.s.<sup>1</sup> ix.d <37>

Feoda

Et in denariis solutis Roberto Poyntz Militi<sup>2</sup> Senescallo terrarum domini abbatis ad .xl.s. per annum hoc anno . . . xl.s. Et henrico <38> weston' pro feodo suo ad .xx.s. per annum hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et willelmo Twynyhoo pro feodo suo ad xij.s. iiij.d <39> per annum hoc anno . . . xij.s. iiij.d Et willelmo Grevyll' pro feodo suo ad .xx.s. per annum hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et <40> willelmo Beynham pro feodo suo ad .xxs. per annum . hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et willelmo harryes auditori Monasterii predicti pro feodo <41> suo ad .xl.s. per annum hoc anno . . . xl.s. Et humfrido hervy pro feodo suo ad .xx.s. per annum . hoc anno . . . xx.s. <42> Et Iohanni walsshe pro feodo suo ad .xiijs iiij.d per annum hoc anno . . . xij.s. iiij.d. Et Roberto Castell' attornato <43> domini abbatis in Scaccario domini Regis pro feodo suo ad .x.s. per annum . hoc anno . . . x.s. <44>

Summa . . . ix.li. xvj.s. viij.d &lt;45&gt;

Empcio  
panni pro  
liberata.

Et in panno laneo de diuersis coloribus empto pro diuersis personis erga festum Natalis domini vltra liberatas panni de <46> prouidencia domini abbatis ad idem tempus pro alijs hominibus retentis ad consilium ipsius domini et diuersorum seruencium [sic] hospicii <47> sui factas hoc anno vt patet in papiro dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno . . . x.li. <48>

Summa . . . x.li.<sup>1</sup> <49><sup>1</sup> . . . above first letter.

[fo. XIII, 1-18.]

Dona

Et in denariis solutis et datis variis generosis et aliis personis in accessibus suis ad presenciam domini abbatis pro amicabilem fauore <1> de eis in diuersis materijs dicto Monasterio tangentibus in diuersis partibus diuersis de causis obtinenda et habenda vna cum denariis datis <2> diuersis Ministrallis domini Regis et aliorum dominorum ad dictum Monasterium interueniencium necnon nuncijs et Balliuis Itinerantibus <3> supradicti domini Regis ad diuersas vices infra dictum tempus huius Compoti accidentes vt patet per parcellam dicti Thesaurarii super hunc <4> Computum ostensam et examinatam hoc anno . . . ix li vs vijd ob. qua. <5>

Summa . . . ix li vs vijd ob. qua. <6>

Feoda

Et in denariis solutis Roberto Poyntz Militi<sup>2</sup> Senescallo terrarum domini abbatis ad xls per annum hoc anno . . . xls Et Thome <7> harryes auditori Monasterii predicti pro feodo suo ad xls per annum hoc anno . . . xls Et humfrido heruy pro feodo suo ad <8> xxs per annum hoc anno . . . xxs Et Iohanni Broke pro feodo suo ad xxs per annum hoc anno . . . xxs Et waltero <9> Rowdoun' pro feodo suo ad xxs per annum . . . xxs Et Iohanni Fitz Iames pro feodo suo ad xxs per annum hoc anno <10> . . . xxs Et arthuro kemys armigero pro feodo suo ad xiijs iiijd per annum . . . xiijs iiijd Et Thome Matson' pro <11> feodo suo ad xxs per annum hoc anno . . . xxs Et Iohanni Plumer attornato domini abbatis ad communem legem ad xiijs iiijd <12> per annum hoc anno . . . xiijs iiijd Et Iohanni Percy pro feodo suo ad xiijs iiijd per annum hoc anno . . . xiijs iiijd <13>

Summa . . . xj li <14>

Empcio  
panni pro  
liberata

Et in panno laneo violett' coloris empto pro diuersis personis erga festum Natalis domini vltra liberatas panni de prouidencia <15> domini abbatis ad idem tempus pro aliis hominibus retentis ad consilium ipsius domini et diuersis seruientibus hospicii sui factas hoc <16> anno vt patet in papiro predicto hoc anno . . . xij li <17>

Summa . . . xij li <18>

<sup>1</sup> . . . above second letter.

<sup>2</sup> Head of the important local family at Iron Acton. He was buried in the Poyntz Chapel of St. Mark's, just across the Green, in 1520.

[fo. xiiid, 50-69.]

Custus  
domorum.

Et in diuersis custubus hoc anno factis et appositis super diuersis domibus tam infra abbatiam quam extra vt in petra tam murorum <50> quam tegulorum mearemio calce clauibus de diuersis sortis plumbo diuersis ferramentis ac alijs materijs pro reparacione domorum <51> predictarum emptis . vna cum stipendiis diuersorum artificiariorum infra tempus predictum conductorum pro eisdem domibus emendandis et <52> reparandis vt patet in papiro predicto hoc anno . . . ix.li. xvij.s. x.d <53>

Summa . . . ix.li. xvij.s. x.d &lt;54&gt;

Custus  
Stabuli.

De aliquibus denariis solutis pro ferrura equorum domini abbatis et equorum seruiencium suorum in equitaturis ipsius domini infra <55> tempus huius Compoti factis . siue frenis . cellis . singulis equinis . capistris et harnesijs ad stabulum domini abbatis <56> ad diuersas vices infra tempus predictum similiter factis hoc anno . non petit allocacionem . eo quod omnes huiusmodiustus persoluuntur <57> per dominum abbatem de certo suo annuo etc <58>

Summa . . . nulla . &lt;59&gt;

Exhibucio  
vnius  
Canonici  
apud  
Oxoniam.  
...

Nec de aliquibus denariis solutis pro exhibucione vnius Canonici apud Oxoniam scolatizantis ibidem inuenienda hoc anno <60> que ad .vj li. xiijs. iiij.d. solebat se extendere per annum vllam petit allocacionem . eo quod nullus scolaris ibidem <61> scolatizat hoc anno . <62>

Summa . . . nulla . &lt;63&gt;

Expensa  
domini  
Episcopi in  
visitacione  
sua. . . .

NULLA. quia nulla huiusmodi visitacio hoc anno . <64>

Summa . . . nulla. &lt;65&gt;

Placita.

Sed computat in denariis solutis pro diuersis breuibus hoc anno in lege temporalis prosecutis versus diuersas personas pro diuersis Iniurijs <66> Monasterio predicto per idem tempus factis et aliis processibus in lege spiritali similiter contra diuersas personas prosecutis prout plenius patet <67> particulariter in libro dicti Thesaurarii superius recitato hoc anno. . . . xl.li. x.d<sup>1</sup> <68>

Summa . . . xl.li. x.d. &lt;69&gt;

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 6.<sup>2</sup> v. v.d. 54, and Intr., p. 71.

[fo. XIII, 19-39.]

Custus  
domorum

Et in diuersis Custubus hoc anno factis et apposisis super diuersis domibus tam infra abbatiam quam extra vt in petra tam murorum <19> quam tegulorum Meremio calce Clauibus de diuersis sortis plumbo diuersis ferramentis ac aliis materiis pro reparacione domorum predictarum <20> emptis vna cum stipendiis diuersorum artificiariorum infra tempus predictum conductorum pro eisdem domibus emendandis et reparandis <21> vt patet in papiro predicto hoc anno . . . iiij li xijs ob. <22>

Summa . . . iiij li xijs ob. <23>

Custus  
Stabuli

De aliquibus denariis solutis pro ferrura equorum domini abbatis et seruencium suorum in equitaturis ipsius domini abbatis infra tempus <24> huius Compoti factis siue frenis Sellis Singulis equinis capistris et phaleris ad stabulum domini abbatis infra tempus <25> predictum similiter factis hoc anno non petit allocacionem eo quod omnes huiusmodi Custus persoluuntur per dominum abbatem de certo suo annuo etc <26>

Summa . . . nulla <27>

Exhibucio  
duorum  
Canonici-  
corum  
apud  
Oxoniam.  
...

Sed computat in denariis solutis pro exhibucione Iohannis Smart Canonici apud Parisum hoc anno . . . vj li Et pro exhibucione <28> willelmi lucas Canonici ibidem hoc anno pro tempore . . . xiijs iiijd <29>

Summa . . . vj li xiijs iiijd <30>

Stipendium  
Magistri  
Gramatici<sup>a</sup>  
[sic]

Nullum <31>

Summa . . . nulla <32>

Expensa  
domini  
Episcopi in  
visitacione  
sua . . .

Et in denariis solutis circa expensis in visitacione domini Episcopi wigorniensis et sui cancellarii ceterorumque Officiariorum et Ministrorum <33> suorum prout percellatim patet per papirum dicti Computatoris coram auditoribus ostensum et examinatum hoc anno . . . nichil <34>

Summa . . . nulla <35>

Placita

Sed computat in denariis solutis pro diuersis breuibis hoc anno in lege temporali prosequitis [sic] versus diuersas personas pro diuersis Iniurijs <36> Monasterio predicto per idem tempus factis et aliis processibus in lege spirituali similiter contra diuersas personas prosequitis prout plenius patet <37> particulariter in libro dicti Thesaurarii superius recitato hoc anno . . . xxvjs vijd <38>

Summa . . . xxvjs vijd <39>

[fo. xiid, 70-78.]

Solutio ex con-  
suetudine  
facta et  
vsitata . . . } Et in denariis solutis dicto Thesaurario Commune ibidem allocatis  
causa officij sui prout allocantur in Compotis precedentibus hoc  
<70> anno . . . xl.s. Et passegerio [*sic*] de Rowneham pro  
stipendio suo pro libero passagio domini abbatis et suorum  
Canonicorum <71> ac eorum seruicium vltra aquam ibidem  
ad eorum libitum habendo ad .xx.s. per annum hoc anno . . .  
xx.s. <72> Et in denariis solutis ad officium Elemosinarii dicte  
abbatie pro decima feni in Marisco [*sic*] proueniente de huiusmodi  
<73> consuetudine modo inde vsitato hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d  
<74>

Summa . . . lxxvj.s. viij.d &lt;75&gt;

Empcio feni  
littere et  
auenarum . . . } Et in denariis solutis pro .xx. truss' straminis emptis apud  
horefeld'<sup>1</sup> truss' ad .viij.d. hoc anno . . . xiiij.s. iiij.d Et <76>  
willelmo Drue pro cariagio predict' xx. truss' straminis abinde  
vsque Monasterium predictum truss' ad .ij.d ob. hoc anno . . .  
iiij.s. ij.d <77>

Summa . . . xvij.s. vj.d &lt;78&gt;

[fo. xiii, 1-9.]

Expensa  
domini  
Regis } De aliquibus expensis domini Regis existentis in Monasterio sancti  
augustini predicti [*sic*] infra tempus predictum nullam petit  
allocacionem <1> eo quod dominus Rex ibidem non fuit hoc anno  
. . . nichil. <2>

Summa . . . nulla &lt;3&gt;

Liberacio  
denariorum  
ad diuersa  
Maneria. . . . } Sed computat in denariis solutis Firmario de Rouburgh' ad nouam  
construccionem orientalis partis domus aule <4> Capitularis  
mansionis firme ibidem cum camerjs [*sic*] in eadem per mandatum  
domini abbatis hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d. <5>

Summa . . . vj.s. viij.d &lt;6&gt;

Custus  
equitatur' } Et computat in denariis solutis in expensis diuersorum seruicium  
domini abbatis in eius equitaturis equitancium in diuersas <7>  
partes ex assignacione dicti domini abbatis pro eius negocijs  
expediendis vt patet in libro dicti Thesaurarii super hunc <8>  
Compotum viso et examinato et inter memoranda Compotorum  
huius anni remanente hoc anno. . . . xiiij.s. v.d. Et vltra <9>

<sup>1</sup> In a lease of Horfield granted to Thomas Walter the younger on 2 Sept. 24 Hen. VIII [1532] the rent was to be: £9 4s. in cash, the tithing hay of his own growing, and 40 trusses of wheaten straw at 6d. a truss; it was a condition of the lease that he should dwell on the estate.



[fo. XIII, 40-60.]

Solucio ex } Et in denariis solutis dicto Thesaurario Commune ibidem causa  
con-  
suetudine } officij sui prout allocantur in Compotis precedentibus . . . xls  
facta et } Et passagerio [*sic*] de <40> Rowenham nomine stipendii sui pro  
vsitata. . } libero passagio domini abbatis et Canonicorum suorum ac eorum  
seruiencium vltra aquam ibidem ad eorum <41> libitum habendo  
. . . xxs Et in denariis solutis ad Officium Elemosinarii dicte  
abbatie pro decima feni in Marisco Canonicorum proueniente de  
<42> huiusmodi consuetudine modo inde vsitato hoc anno . . .  
vjs viijd <43>

Summa . . . lxxvjs viijd <44>

Empcio feni } Et in denariis solutis pro xxiiij. trussis albi straminis emptis de  
Littere et } Thoma walter Firmario de horefeld'<sup>1</sup> hoc a[n]no trussa ad] <45>  
auenarum } vjd hoc anno . . . xij.s Et in denariis solutis pro cariagio  
dictarum xxiiij trussarum straminis de horefeld' predict'  
[ *tear*] <46> trussa ad ijd hoc anno . . . iijs <47>

Summa . . . xvjs <48>

Expensa } De aliquibus expensis domini Regis existentis in Monasterio  
domini } sancti augustini predicto nullam petit allocacionem eo q[uod]  
Regis } dominus] <49> Rex ibidem non fuit hoc anno <50>

Summa . . . nulla <51>

Expensa in } Nulla <52>  
Generali  
Capitulo

Summa . . . nulla <53>

Liberacio } Sed computat in denariis liberatis Fratri Iohanni Nuland' Magistro  
denariorum } Noui Operis ad eiusdem officij [*sic*] hoc anno . . . xj li vjd <54>  
ad diuersa }  
Maneria } Summa . . . xj li vjd <55>  
et officia }  
Intrinseca }

Custus } Et computat in denariis solutis pro expensis domini abbatis  
equitatur' } equitantis versus Thornebury almondesbury et Berkeley hoc anno  
<56> . . . iijs iiijd Et in expensis domini Iohannis welle vsque  
walliam ad diuersas vices hoc anno . . . xs Et in expensis <57>  
Iohannis harper equitantis versus Fyfhide hoc anno . . . viijd  
Et in expensis [domini *above*] Roberti Elyot Prioris equitantis  
versus <58> welliam cum Iunioribus Canonicis pro ordine Diaconis  
suscipiendo hoc anno . . . vijs vjd ob. Et in expensis eiusdem  
<59> Roberti Elyot Prioris equitantis versus Fyfhide hoc anno  
. . . v.s xd Et in expensis domini abbatis equitantis ad <60>

[fo. xiii, 10-30.]

consimiles denarios solutos in expensis domini abbatis in eius equitaturis ad london' per .iij. vices infra tempus <10> Compoti et Iohannis webbe iiijta. vice pro defensione et conseruacione tam Franchesie quam sanctuarii Monasterii predicti . aceciam pro <11> excessiua oneracione inhabitancium infra sanctuarium predictum . ad xvam. domini Regis exactam per Maiorem et Communitatem ville <12> Bristoll' prout patet in papiro domini abbatis inde ostenso atting' ad summam .xl.li. x.d. vt supra in Titulo placitorum <13> allocatam hoc anno etc<sup>1</sup> <14>

Summa . . . xiiij.s. v.d. <15>

Custus  
necessariorum

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc anno . . . xij.d. Et in denariis solutis vicecomiti et Subvicecomiti <16> ac balliuis itinerantibus Comitatum Glouc' hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. viij.d Et Escaetori et Subescaetori eiusdem Comitatus Glouc' <17> hoc anno . . . xx.s. Et Vicecomiti et Subvicecomiti Comitatus Somers' hoc anno . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. Et in denariis <18> solutis pro expensis auditus Compotorum Monasterii sancti augustini Bristoll' hoc anno . . . xl.s. Et domino Thome lyncolne <19> Capellano pro restitutione vnus antiphonarii Prioris hoc anno . . . xx.d. Et in denariis solutis super expensas circa <20> sepulturam Fratris henrici Griffith' Canonici Monasterii predicti hoc anno mortui prout patet per parcellam in libro predict' Thesaurarii <21> parcellatim examinato coram domino abbate super hunc compotum hoc anno . . . xlvj.s. ij.d. Et cuidam doctori <22> Custodi fratrum predicatorum ville Bristoll' dicenti sermonem in viridi placea in die Pasche hoc anno . . . vj.s. viij.d <23> Et auditori domini Regis sedenti infra dominium de Berkeley pro sua amicia habenda ibidem habenda [*sic*] hoc anno . . . vjs viij.d <24> Et Roberto Castell' attornato domini abbatis in Scaccario domini Regis pro taxacione cuiusdam subsidij pro pensione [vj li. xiijs iiij.d *above*] ecclesie de <25> Grantesdene quondam debita Monasterii predicti et modo in possessione Custodis et Fratrum eius de Clarehale in <26> Cantabrigia . prout nunc in Registro domini Episcopi lincoln' intitatur et ibidem sic deinceps oneranda et quamuis pro[ . . . ?] <27> iniuste . . . xxvj.s. viij.d. Et Iohanni Batyn' aurifabro pro emendacione vnus olle argenteae hoc anno . . . iiij.d <28> Et Ricardo Bradon' pro custodia boscorum domini abbatis apud Crome hale hoc anno . . . iij.s. iiij.d <29>

Summa . . . x.li. v.s. x.d. <30>

<sup>1</sup> v. Intr., p. 6.

[fo. XIII, 61-64.]

Conuocationem hoc anno vt patet per percellam dicti nunc  
Computatoris . . . xv li viijs ixd Et in expensis domini Roberti  
Elyot <61> prioris equitantis ad Conuocationem tercio die Februarii  
hoc anno . . . Cxiijs ijd <62>

Summa . . . xxij li xijs iiid ob. <63>

DORS' COMPOTI RECEPTA COMMUNE <64>

[fo. XIIIId, 1-9.]

Costus  
necessari-  
orum.

Et in pergameno empto pro isto Compoto superscribendo hoc  
anno . . . xijd Et in denariis solutis Vicecomiti et Subvicecomiti  
ac <1> Balliis Itinerantibus in Comitatu Glouc' hoc anno . . .  
xxvjs viiid Et Escaetori et subescaetori eiusdem Comitatus  
Glouc' <2> hoc anno . . . xxs Et Vicecomiti et Subvicecomiti  
Comitatus Somers' hoc anno . . . xxs Et in expensis auditoris  
capiensis Compota<sup>2</sup> <3> Ministrorum tam forinsecorum quam  
Intrinsecorum huius Monasterii hoc anno . . . xls Et willelmo  
Scisson' Breuigerulo pro omnibus breuibz <4> suis liberatis pro  
Fratre willelmo hobbes hoc anno . . . xiijs iiid Et pro  
emendacione cooptorij vnus Salsarii hoc <5> anno . . . xijd  
Et Magistro Officiali archidiaconatus Glouc' pro sua amicia  
ostensa hoc anno . . . vjs viiid <6> Et in [denariis *above*] datis  
Registro procuracionum nostrorum hoc anno . . . xxd Et  
Registro magistri Cancellarii domini Episcopi wigorniensis hoc <7>  
anno . . . iijs iiid Et Magistro Iohanni Morgan' pro sua amicia  
apud Vske habenda hoc anno . . . vjs viiid <8>

Summa . . . vij li iiid [*sic*] <9>

<sup>2</sup> v. viid. 40 and note.

[fo. xiii, 31-49.]

Solucio  
decimarum

Et in denariis solutis willelmo abbati Monasterii sancti Petri Glouc' Collectori prime integre decime domino Regi concesse in archidiaconatu Glouc' per j <31> acquietanciam super hunc compotum restitutam hoc anno . . . xvj.li. xixs. vjd. ob. Et Iohanni water Priori Montis acuti Collectori eiusdem <32> prime integre decime in archidiaconatu Bathon' per aliam acquietanciam super hunc compotum restitutam hoc anno . . . vj.li. ijs. iiij.d. Et Ricardo <33> abbati de Teukesbury Collectori .ijde. integre .x<sup>e</sup>. predicto domino Regi in archidiaconatu Glouc' concesse per .j. acquietanciam super hunc compotum restitutam <34> hoc anno . . . xvj.li. xixs. vj.d. ob. Et Iohanni Priori de Tanton' Collectori eiusdem .ijde. integre x<sup>e</sup>. in archidiaconatu Bathon' per <35> aliam acquietanciam super hunc compotum restitutam hoc anno . . . vj.li. xij.d. Et in denariis solutis predicto domino Regi pro quodam <36> subsidio vocato Beniuolencia sibi pro defensione ecclesie per dominum abbatem concesso et soluto prout patet per .j. acquietanciam inde <37> factam et super hunc compotum restitutam hoc anno . . . C.marc. continentes .lxvj.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d <38>

Summa . . . Cxij.li. xv.s. ix.d &lt;39&gt;

Liberacio  
forinseca

Et in denariis liberatis Fratri henrico Brugges Elemosinario Monasterii predicti hoc anno . . . xij.li. <40>  
Et Fratri Roberto Elyot Coquinario Monasterii predicti pro carnibus et piscibus emendis pro <41> expensis et sustentacione omnium Canoniorum tam presbiterorum quam nouiciorum dicti <42> Monasterii infra tempus Compoti vt plenius patet in Compoto dicti Coquinarii hoc anno <43> . . . lxvij.li. xvjs. viij.d  
Et Iohanni abbati Monasterii predicti in persolucionem .Clx.li. de certo suo annuo pro expensis <44> ipsius abbatis et diuersis aliis expensis eiusdem ratione status sui tangent' faciendis <45> soluendis et supportandis ex constitucione olim inter alia facta et ex Recepta Commune <46> assignatis . scilicet pro quolibet termino .xl.li. ad diuersas vices vt patet in libro Thesaurarii <47> hoc anno inter memoranda Compotorum huius anni remanente . . . <48> . . . Clx.li.

Summa . . . CCxxxix.li. xvj.s. viij.d. &lt;49&gt;

XIIId, 10-23.]

cio  
narum Et in denariis solutis domino abbati de lanterna pro prima  
medietate subsidii in diocesa landauense hoc anno . . . <10>  
. . . xxxs Et domino Iohanni abbati huius Monasterii Collectori  
prime medietatis subsidii diocese wigorniensis hoc anno . . . <11>  
. . . xvj li xixs vjd ob. qua. Et domino Iohanni Prouse Priori  
Tantonie pro prima medietate subsidii dio[cese] <12> Bathoniensis  
hoc anno . . . vj li xijd <13>

Summa . . . xxiiij li xs vjd ob. qua. <14>

racio  
seca. Et in denariis liberatis Fratri Nicholao Chapell'  
Elemosinario Monasterii predicti hoc anno . . . . . xij li <15>  
Et in denariis liberatis Fratri Nicholao Chapell'  
Coquinario Monasterii predicti pro carnibus et  
piscibus <16> emendis pro expensis et sustenta-  
cione omnium Canonicorum tam presbiterorum . . . lxiiij li  
quam Nouiciorum <17> dicti Monasterii infra x[iiijs vjd  
tempus Compoti vt plenius patet in Compoto dicti MS torn]  
Coquinarii hoc anno <18> .. .. .

Et in denariis solutis Iohanni abbati Monasterii  
predicti in persolucionem Clx.li de certo suo  
<19> annuo pro expensis suis racione statuti  
sui ex conuencione olim inter alia facta <20> . . . Clx li  
et extra [*Receptam*] Commune assignato scilicet  
pro quolibet termino xl.li ad diuersas vices vt  
patet in libro <21> dicti Thesaurarii hoc anno et  
inter cetera memoranda Compotorum huius anni  
remanente <22>

Summa . . . CCxxxv li xiiij s vjd <23>

[fo. xiii, 50-63.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . CCCCI<sup>xx</sup>IIJ.IIIJ.LI.  
 x.s. IIIJ.D. OB. QUA. <50> ET DEBENTUR . . . XVIIJ.S.  
 IIIJ.D. OB. ad quos oneratur de . . . xl.s. receptis <51>  
 per manum domini abbatis pro decima garbarum proueniente  
 de exitu personatus de Filton' hoc anno . Et <52> SIC  
 SUMMA DEBITI CONIUNCTA. . . LVIJ.S. IIIJ.D. OB. De quibus  
 allocantur [dicto] <53> Computatori . . . xxviiij.s. iiij.d. soluti  
 Priori de Stanley pro decima certarum parcellarum terre et  
 p[asture?] <54> lez hardacres iacencium in diuersis locis vltra xv.s.  
 inde collectos et solutos eidem Priori per manum Ricardi <55>  
 Spynner balliui de Berkeley hoc anno . Et ei . . . v.s. vj.d soluti  
 de xmo. domini Regis pro terris et tenementis <56> domini abbatis  
 infra dominium de hasfeld'<sup>1</sup> quamuis iniuste hoc anno . Et  
 ei . . . vj.s. viij.d. soluti Fratri Iohanni <57> Piers Canonico pro  
 informacione Iuuenum nouiciorum in Monasterio predicto hoc  
 anno . Et ei . . . vj.s. viij.d. soluti <58> auditori super clausum  
 huius Compoti pro sua festinacione in scriptura Rotulorum  
 Compotorum Monasterii predicti hoc anno . Et ei . . . <59> . . .  
 iiij.s. iiij.d. soluti Thome harryes filio predicti auditoris circa  
 expedicionem scripture Rotulorum predictorum [hoc] <60> anno .  
 Et ei . . . vj.s. x.d. ob. diuersis consideracionibus per dominum  
 abbatem super [auditum?] huius [compoti] <61> habitis hoc anno  
 etc <62>

Et nichil remanet. &lt;63&gt;

<sup>1</sup> Hasfeld is adjacent to Ashleworth. By agreement with the Pauncefot family, Lords of Hasfeld, some of the inhabitants of Ashleworth might share the Hasfeld commons on condition of performing certain services; possibly these rights of common were the excuse for the unjust tax.

<sup>2</sup> v. v d., 79, and XIII d., 32.

<sup>3</sup> From *L & P. H. VIII, XII, 1310 (i) 26* and *XVI. 777 (25)* we learn that the King's Receiver-General in Ireland was receiving money from early in 1537 from the following property "lately belonging to Saint Augustine's Bristol": the rectories of Casteldonagh, *al.* Bananagh [or Banagh], Dissert, and Kilferagh, a messuage in Thomastown, co. Kilkenny, also the rectory of Inhorollyn in O'Brien's country. All but the last are near Thomastown. Abbot David's letters [to be published by Miss R. Hill] show that he had property hereabouts by 1218, probably of the gift of the de Clares.

XIIIId, 25-45.]

SUMMA ALLOCACIONUM ET LIBERACIONUM . . . CCCLXXIIJ LI  
 XJD ET <24> DEBENTUR . . . DCCCC<sup>xx</sup>IIJXJ LI XVIIJS XD OB. <25>  
 Ad quos oneratur cum . . . Cvjs viijd receptis de Dionisio Mullan'  
 de <26> prouentibus nostris in Ibernia<sup>3</sup> hoc anno. Ad quos eciam  
 oneratur cum . . . xij li <27> receptis de Roberto knyght' de  
 vendicione bosci vocati Clyff sibi venditi apud Cromehale <28>  
 hoc anno ET SIC EST SUMMA DEBITI CONIUNCTI . . . M<sup>I</sup>IXLI  
 VS VJD OB. <29> De quibus allocantur ei . . . iijs iiijd soluti  
 pro redditu orrij conduct' apud kingesweston' <30> hoc anno  
 ET EI . . . xxxvs soluti Priori de Stanley pro lez hardeacres <31>  
 per Iohannem Spynner hoc anno ET EI . . . xs soluti  
 pro anniuersario domini Thome <32> Bekyngton' quondam  
 Bathoniensis et wellensis Episcopi hoc anno<sup>2</sup> ET EI . . . xxviijs  
 pro <33> vj quarteriis brasij datis Priori de Instioke et Dionisio  
 Mullan' in hibernia<sup>3</sup> hoc anno ET EI <34> . . . xxxviijs iiijd  
 pro habit' et pro aliis diuersis necessarijs emptis pro willelmo  
 wryngton' Nouicio hoc <35> anno admissio ET EI . . . vjs viijd  
 in regardo dato Thome harryes auditori pro suo diligenti <36>  
 labore hoc anno ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . M<sup>I</sup>LXIIJS IJD OB. De  
 quibus allocantur ei . . . viij li <37> ixs. ixd tam in colleccione  
 quam in perdiccione diuersarum parcellarum decimarum in anno  
 proxime precedente <38> ET SIC DEBENTUR . . . IXC<sup>xx</sup>IIJXIIJ LI  
 XIIJS VD OB. <39>

VNDE <40>

r. . . .	{	Philipum Ienkyns et Iohannem Broughton' pistores et nuper Firmarios de Trivelmylles <sup>4</sup> <41> de arreragiis suis super ipsos in diuersis annis precedentibus pendentibus et pro iij terminis anni xj precedentis <42> .. .. .	} . . . Cvj li xviijs viijd
		Iohannem welle nuper Firmarium eorundem per ijos annos retro existentes .. .. .	x li <43>
		Philipum Baker nuper Firmarium garbarum decima- lium de almondesbury et [ . . . <i>illegible</i> ] enhull de arreragiis suis .. .. .	ix li <44>
		Dictum Computatorem tam de arreragiis suis diuer- suorum annorum precedentium quam de exitu officij sui huius anni .. .. . viij <sup>C</sup> lxviiij li xvs ixd ob. <45>	

<sup>4</sup> v. Intr., p. 6.





# APPENDIX A

## PERSONNEL.

BESIDES the lists of canons contained in these two Rolls three others survive in which some of the same names recur. The three other lists are dated respectively 1498, 1534 and 1539, the two last being the well-known lists from the records of the acknowledgement of the Royal Supremacy and of the Surrender; the first comes from Archbishop Morton's Register (fo. 1706), where there is a copy of a certificate by Abbot Newland that he has cited all his fellow canons to a visitation—of which there appears to be no further record. Our knowledge of this is confined to the transcript of the entry among the Hockaday Papers in the Gloucester Public Library.

Notes wholly or partly derived from Mr. Baskerville's article in *B. and G.A.S. Trans.*, XLIX (pp. 63 sqq.) have been marked [B].

	1491-92	1498	1511-12	1534	1539
Abbot	1 John Nulande <i>c,p</i>	1 A	1 A <i>k.p.</i>	—	—
Prior	2 John Martyn <i>e,k,o</i>	3 ?P <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—
Sub-Prior	3 Thomas Grene <i>b</i>	2 SP	—	—	—
	4 Henry Brugges	—	—	—	—
	<i>a,f,g,n</i>	—	—	—	—
	5 John Dynham <sup>a</sup>	4	—	—	—
	6 Thomas Clerk <i>m</i>	5 <i>m</i>	—	—	—
	7 William Hobbes <i>i</i>	6 <i>i</i>	—	—	—
	8 William Grekelade <sup>9l</sup>	7 <i>a,g,k,n</i>	3 S.P. <i>o</i>	—	—
	9 Robert Elyot <sup>4,d,h</sup>	8 <i>o,b</i>	2 P. <i>b,c,e</i>	—	—
	10 John Piers	—	—	—	—
	11 John Howell	9 <i>d,h</i>	4 <i>a,n</i>	—	—
	12 John Gyles	10	7 <sup>2</sup>	2	—
	13 William Bradeford	—	—	—	—
	14 William Osewald	11	—	—	—
	15 John Hall	—	—	—	—
	16 Nicholas Chapell	12	5 <i>d,g,h</i>	—	—
	17 William Wynter	13	6 <i>f,m</i>	—	—
		14 John Westcott	—	—	—
		15 John Whetnoll	—	—	—
		16 Richard Norton	—	—	—
		17 Henry Pavye <sup>8</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>	7	5
		18 John Smart <sup>5</sup>	12 Student	—	—
		19 William Burton <sup>6</sup>	9 <i>i</i>	1 A	—
		20 John Harman	—	—	—
		21 William Phille	10 <i>l</i>	—	—
			11 John Welle	—	—
			13 Thomas Scansby	6	—
			14 Thomas Page	—	—
			15 John Cary <sup>9</sup>	4	4
			16 William Lucas,	5	—
			Student	—	—
			17 Morgan Llewellyn <sup>7</sup>	3	?1 A
			18 William Wryngton <sup>7</sup>	8	6

1491-92

1498

1511-12

1534

1539

9 Richard Hylle	9
10 William Underwood	7
11 John Gwalter	—
12 Nicholas Corbryk	8
13 Richard Tarsey	11 [Kersey] <sup>10</sup>
14 Humfrey Heymond <sup>11</sup>	2 P
15 Rycharde Orrell <sup>12</sup>	10
16 William Freman	—
17 Richard Huys <sup>13</sup>	12
18 Harry Smyth	—
19 Water Stonys	—
	3 John Restall, Student <sup>14</sup>

*a* Anniversarer.*b* Camerarius.*c* Cellerar.*d* Kitchener.*e* Coll. Den. Grac.*f* Coll. Redd. Bristol<sup>1</sup>.*g* Almoner.*h* Hostillar.*i* Infirmarer.*k* Magister Noui Operis.*j* Precentor.*m* Refectorar.*n* Vestiar.*o* Sacrist.*p* Treasurer.

<sup>1</sup> No Prior is named in this list; it is perhaps likely that the office was already held by Robert Elyot, who is Chamberlain and Sacrist.

<sup>2</sup> Dynham in 1491-92, and perhaps either Gyles or Pavye in 1511-12, probably celebrated for the souls of founders, and was excused other office.

<sup>3</sup> *Gt. White Bk.*, fo. 30 dors. Deposition of Richard Wheler, Chaplain, on behalf of the Mayor: "and seith that immediately thereupon he sawe William Cryklade Chanon of the monastery with an hawberk in his hand and with hym Masons Carpenters and other seruauntes of the said Abbot with swerdes leuery Cowlestynges and other wepons in their handes." Another deponent knew him well enough to name him.

<sup>4</sup> Abbot 1515-1525.

<sup>5</sup> Abbot of Wigmore 1518 [Reg. Bothe] to 1538. For the scandalous career of this Abbot-Bishop [of Pavada in partibus] see Baskerville, pp. 73-75, and Froude, *Short Studies in Great Subjects*.

<sup>6</sup> Abbot, 1525-1539.

<sup>7</sup> Morgan Llewellyn and William Wryngton are called "conversi" in 1511-12; the latter was admitted a novice in that year. In 1534 the third on the list is "Morganus Glin," while from August 1539 till the surrender on December 9th, the abbot was Morgan Guillin: it seems highly probable that not only the two last but all three entries refer to the same person. His will, proved 30th May 1544 is in P.C.C. [B.]. Wryngton was chantry priest of Berkeley, 1548, and curate of Dowdeswell, 1551 [B.].

<sup>8</sup> Curate of Horfield, 1540 [B.].

<sup>9</sup> ? Curate of Olveston, 1540 [B.].

<sup>10</sup> A bequest to Richard Carsey, clerk, in Morgan Gwilliam's will [B.].

<sup>11</sup> B. says Vicar of All Saints, Bristol, 1541, living 1552; the Cathedral Accounts for 1550-51 called the Vicar of All Saints John H.

<sup>12</sup> B. says Chantry priest of Bedminster 1548; Vicar of B. 1554-?1592. In fact, on 6th September 1559 Bishop Jewel and other visitors gave a decision in favour of Roger Lewis, Clerk, Vicar of B., who had accused Richard Orell, "vicar there" of depriving him. R.L. was still vicar in February, 1567-68.

<sup>13</sup> Rector of Brandeston, Norfolk, 1551-56; Prebendary of Bristol, 1554-63; Vicar of Berkeley, 1559; *ob.* 1563 [B.].

<sup>14</sup> Curate of St. Philip's, Bristol, 1540; chantry priest of Winterbourne, 1542-48; Vicar of St. Nicholas, Bristol, 1546; *ob.* 1564 [B.].

## APPENDIX B

### THE ABBOT'S INCOME.

OUR Accounts show that the Lord Abbot received from the convent a regular cash *annua* of £160, an allowance of red wine on feast days, and contributions towards his entertainment of guests, his clothing, his almsgiving and his travels on abbey affairs. The expenses other than these which he bore himself must certainly have outweighed his annual allowance of £160 from the convent. Clearly he had other sources of revenue. Several such sources suggest themselves.

I.—*Properties held by the abbot as distinct from the convent.* There seem to have been few if any of these. The Dissolution Accounts mention no large holdings other than those in the abbey accounts, and there is good reason to believe that 20s. rent in Gloucester and 8s. in Newport once granted to the abbey had been lost before 1491, while even Smyth (III, 260) could not trace the history of one church, that of Wotton-under-Edge, appropriated in 1311-13. These Rolls refer to the abbot's revenues in Wales, but the major part of these he handed back to the convent (xii, 62 *et seq.*). Trivel Mills, too, belonged to him, but, in 1491-92 at any rate, he passed on the whole rent to the brethren. Only the manor of Halberton is really unaccounted for, and may be presumed to have been in the Lord Abbot's hand.

II.—*Profits from the right of presentation to livings.* Though no exact figure for these can be given they must have been worth something. Saint Augustine's presented to twenty-four churches, but to fewer perhaps by Newland's day. From the 1491-92 entry about "Poulet" (ixd, 24) we see that the only fee received by the convent was that for the use of the Common Seal; presumably other profits went to the abbot. The sale of next presentations to a benefice was already a common practice.

III.—*Fines for entry on, or renewal of, life and long term leases of abbey lands.* These were the chief source of income of the Dean and Chapter for three centuries after the Dissolution, and though no mention of such fines is made in any monastic accounts that we can hear of, nor by Savine or Snape, it seems reasonable to suppose that from some of the abbey lands thus leased, while the convent received the rent, the abbot obtained an occasional lump sum.

IV.—*Profits from wool.* The only mention of sheep in our accounts is in a payment (no longer made) for shearing at Lygh;<sup>1</sup> it is difficult to see why this should ever have been a special charge on the monastery if the profits of the wool were to be included with the payments made by the Reeve or the Firmar. The Bishopric Valor tells us that the Shepherd's house, a close called Shepehouseclose, and common of

<sup>1</sup> iid. 6 and IId. 19, "*nichil: causa patet in Compoto Manerij*"

pasture for 500 sheep in Lygh were let in 1537 for 60 years at a rent of £1. Now the clear value of Lygh at this time was over £53, yet in our accounts only £32 11s. 3d. can be directly traced, with another £8 probably requiring to be transferred from Portbury and Tickenham; the difference of about £12 is much larger than in the case of most other manors. As far as one can tell (for the data in the accounts are slight, though the Valor gives details) the difference is in the rents within the manor. Now it is reasonably certain that the manor-house of Lygh was the abbot's "retiring-place" at this time, so the Firmar of 1491 and 1511 was merely farming the demesne, from which he paid a rent in wheat; it is by no means improbable that the abbot retained the pasture lands along with the house and kept sheep there for his own profit; the missing rents would be those of his part of the manor.

From Rouburgh we have confirmatory evidence. In this case the receipts for 1491, 1511 and 1540 tally very closely indeed, but we notice that the Bishopric Valor specifically states that, though the Manor-house is let to farm, the works of the customary tenants are reserved. Now by far the greater part of this manor seems to have been pasture on Mendip; yet there is not a word about sheep in the accounts. But in a lease of 1407 of the same Manor-house we find "*cum omnibus domibus . . . . . preter barcariam, cum terris pratis pascuis et pasturis diversis cum omnibus operibus exceptis operibus lauand' et tondend' multones*" and "*Saluo nobis . . . . . herietto post decessum dictorum Walteri et Alicie et saluo eciam nobis . . . . . libero ingressu et egressu*" and "*predicti Abbas et Conuentus habebunt medietatem dicti feni pro eorum multonibus ibidem existentibus*" and finally "*Et dicti Abbas et Conuentus habebunt ibidem super manerium et pasturam quot multones voluerint et dicti Walterus et Alicia inuenient stipendium videlicet quinque solidorum et liberationem pro bercario predictorum Abbatis et Conuentus . . . . . et clades sufficientes pro faldis dictorum Abbatis,*" etc., etc. The ferm of 1407 is 4 marks, as against £3 in 1540;<sup>1</sup> clearly the profits of the sheep or some equivalent for them must be accounted for in some way. It is certainly easiest to guess that the sheep were there all the time, but that the profits were the abbot's and therefore were not entered in the accounts of the convent.

That many sheep, and no doubt cattle also, were in the possession of abbots and priors rather than of their convents would go far towards explaining the lack of entries in the Valor Ecclesiasticus;<sup>2</sup> they would naturally be among the first properties to be sold when the threat of dissolution became obvious—and to prevent such sales would have been almost impossible.

V.—There were at Lygh (and in other manors also) rents in kind—"redditus mobilis"<sup>3</sup>—and works. They have, of course, a cash value in the Bishopric Valor, and we have included them with the other

<sup>1</sup> In 1491-92 and 1511-12 no ferm is distinguished, though the total receipt is almost identical with that of 1540.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Savine, 186 sqq.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Savine, 160 sqq.; XIId. 25.

rents in the discussion above. It is perhaps worth pointing out that such rents when paid in kind, and also the gifts not infrequently made by tenants, are quite likely to have gone to the abbot's hospice rather than to the monastic kitchen; their sum would be considerable in a year. Tithe was generally paid in kind, and may also have helped to fill the abbot's storerooms.

# APPENDIX

## SUMMARY OF BRISTOL REVENUES IN 1491-

	1491-92 INCOME DUE		1491-92 LOSSES, PAYMENTS AND CHARGES		1491-92 BALANCE
ANNIVERSARER	In Rental of Aug. 1, 1453	£ s. d. 31 8 2	Rents passed on [6 ten :]	£ s. d. 1 9 6	
	Increase of rent [3 ten :]	3 6 0	Langable [1 ten :]	7½	
			Defectus Redditus [19 ten :]	7 10 0	
			Year's loss in Arrears [15+ ten.]	3 16 8	
			Repairs [mainly in Bristol]	1 14 9	
		34 14 2		14 11 6½	20 2
CHAMBERLAIN	" Ferm " of Cantock's Close*	1 6 8	Mole-catching and ditching	2	1 14
	Aftermath of Cantock's Close*	1 6 8	Cutting Cloister hay	4	
	2nd. Crop. Canon's Marsh*	1 6 8	Cost of haymaking	2 5 3	
	* All to Abbot.	4 0 0		2 5 9	
COLLECTOR OF BRISTOL RENTS	In Rental of Feb. 14, 1479	78 8 9	Rents passed on [9 ten :]	4 4 0	
	Trivel Mills (rent or ferm)	20 10 0	Langable [4 ten :]	3 2	
			Rent usually pd. in pepper	1 4	
			Value of 1 lb. pepper pd. as rent	1 4	
			Rent of 1 ten : Respectu- antur	6 8	
			Suit of Abbot at Market Court	2 0	
			Defectus Redditus [36+ tens :]	20 5 8	
			Year's Loss in Arrears [22+ ten.]	4 19 5	
			Repairs	19 3 10	
		98 18 9		49 7 5	49 11
COLLECTOR OF GRACE MONEY	Rents of 3 tenements and 4 shops	5 16 8	Rents passed on [1 ten :]	6 0	5 12
	" Sale " of " le Warth "	1 3 4	Langable [same ten :]	7½	
			Defectus Redditus [2 ten:]	10 0	
			Repairs [mainly in Bristol]	10 5	
		7 0 0		1 7 0½	

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1511-12 INCOME DUE		1511-12 LOSSES, PAYMENTS AND CHARGES		1511-12 BALANCE	
1 Rental of Aug. 1, 1453 Increase of Rent [2 ten:]	£ s. d. 33 10 10 1 19 4	Rents passed on [7 ten:] Langable [1 ten:] Defectus Redditus [23 ten:] Year's loss in Arrears [16+ten.] Repairs [mainly in Bristol]	£ s. d. 3 5 0 7½ 8 17 8 4 10 0 7 18 3½	£ s. d. 10 18 7	ANNIVERSARER
	35 10 2		24 11 7		
Term of Cantock's Close*	1 6 8	Mole-catching and ditch- ing Cost of haymaking	5 0	‡	CHAMBERLAIN
Aftermath of Cantock's Close*	1 6 8		4 5 1		
And Crop. Canons' Marsh*	1 6 8				
Lessee not specified	4 0 0		4 10 1		
1 Rental of Feb. 14, 1479 No mention of Trivel Mills] Increase of Rent [8 ten:]	78 8 9 — 1 6 4	Rents passed on [9 ten:] Langable [4 ten:] Rent usually pd: in pepper Value of 1 lb. pepper pd. as rent Rent of 1 ten: respited Suit of Abbot at Market Court Defectus Redditus [52+ ten:] Year's loss in Arrears [21+ten:] Repairs	4 4 0 3 2 1 2 1 2 6 8 2 0 24 15 0 4 18 5 6 18 4½	38 5 1½	COLLECTOR OF BRISTOL RENTS
	79 15 1		41 9 11½		
Rents of 3 tenements and 4 shops Sale of le Warth	5 16 8 1 3 4 7 0 0	Rents passed on [1 ten:] Langable [same ten:] Defectus Redditus [2 ten:] Repairs [mainly in Bristol]	6 0 7½ 16 0 1 9 8 2 12 11½	4 7 0½	COLLECTOR OF GRACE MONEY

	1491-92 INCOME DUE		1491-92 LOSSES, PAYMENTS AND CHARGES		1491-92 BALANCE
ALMONER	In Rental of Aug. 1, 1453 Exits of pastures, etc., viz. :— Pasture and dovecote in Almoner's Court (2 pieces) Nyweclose, orchard and garden Westhey, house, orchard and garden Garden at end of Westhey 9 ac. land in Clifton let on a 20 yrs.' lease At Pyrehede, pasture, house and curtilage. Increase of rent [1 ten :]  <				



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1511-12 INCOME DUE			1511-12 LOSSES, PAYMENTS AND CHARGES			1511-12 BALANCE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
In Rental of Aug. 1, 1453	7	3 0	Rents passed on [1 ten : and Nyweclose]	8	0			
Exits of pastures, etc., viz. :—								
Pasture and dovecote in Almoner's Court (2 pieces)	2	6 8	Langible [1 garden]		7½			
Nyweclose, orchard and garden		8 0	Defectus Redditus [13 ten :]	2	1 2			
Westhey, house, orchard and garden	1	0 4	Repairs		11 1½			
Garden at end of Westhey		2 0						
9 ac. land in Clifton let on a 20 yrs.' lease		11 0						
At Pynehede, pasture, house and curtilage		7 0						
Increase of rent [1 ten :]		1 4						
	11	19 4		3	0 11		8	18 5
Exits of pastures, Adderclif and Beamondemede	2	13 4	—	—			2	13 4
Rents of 3 shops near the Blind Gate	4	0	Defectus Redditus of same	4	0			
Rents of lands at Redlane	2	0 0	—	—			2	0 0
Rents of 7 tenements	1	15 0	Defectus Redditus [4 ten:]		9 0			
Exits of Laundry Garden		2 0	Repairs		9			
	1	17 0			9 9		1	7 3
Rent of Masonry tenements	6	18 4	Defectus Redditus of :—					
" 9 tenements in Bristol	4	14 8	15 Masonry tenements	4	1 6			
" 1 close on St. Brandon's Hill		6 8	5 Bristol "		1 0 6			
Rent of house and licence to make rope on green within the Sanctuary	2	0 0	No court expenses					
Herbage of said green		10 0	Repairs [partly in Bristol]		18 6			
Curial revenue		8						
	14	10 4½		6	0 6		8	9 9½
			Arrears of Trivel Mills ? ? ?				76	19 6½
			‡ less Chamberlain's deficit				—	10 1

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BALANCE IN HAND FROM BRISTOL RENTS £76 9 5½

## APPENDIX D

### COMPARISON OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN ESTATES AND RECTORIES OUTSIDE BRISTOL IN 1491-92 AND 1511-12.

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ALMONDSBURY (Almondesbury) Manor and Rectory.	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent	37 4 8½	37 4 8½		
	„ „ „ Appruator of				
	„ „ „ Demesne .. ..	41 7 6½	51 8 10		
	„ Chamb. as Perquisita Curie	9 7 6	4 6 8½		
	„ Ann. as Rent of 2 tenements				
	and a meadow .. ..	10 6	10 6		
	„ Ann. as Peter's Pence, per Coll: of Rent .. ..	1 8	1 8		
		88 11 11½	93 12 5½		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Treas. to Rector of Winter- bourne for part of grain tithes in Almondesbury parish .. ..	8 0	8 0	88 3 11½	93 4 5½
..... PETSHAW (Petshawe) member of Almondesbury Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Coll. Grace Money as "redd. Manerii" and increase of rent .. ..	6 17 0	6 17 0		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Coll. Grace Money to Coll. of Rent.. ..	2 0	2 0	6 15 0	6 15 0
..... OVER member of Almondesbury Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Ann. as Rent of 2 holdings there .. ..	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0
..... HAY (le Haye) memb. of Alms: Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Sac. as Rent of various lands there .. ..	13 4	13 4	13 4	13 4
ARLINGHAM (Erlyngham) Rents.	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent	8 1 6	8 17 0		
	„ Chamb. as Perq:Cur: nil—no court held ..	—	—		
		8 1 6	8 17 0		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Treas. to Abbot of Dore as rent of lands in Arling- ham .. ..	2 0	2 0	7 19 6	8 15 0
				103 18 9½	109 14 9½

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ASHLEWORTH ( <i>Asshelworth</i> ) Manor and Rectory.	Rec. by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent	36 15 9	36 18 8		
	„ „ „ Appruator of				
	„ demesne .. ..	14 11 5	14 2 11		
	„ Chamb. as Perq:Cur:..	2 1 0	3 4 7		
	„ Host. fr. sale of parishioners flax tithe .. ..	1 0	1 0		
	„ Ann. as Peter's Pence, per Coll: of Rent .. ..	1 8	1 8		
		53 10 10	54 8 10		
				53 10 10	54 8 10
BAGGERIDGE ( <i>Baggerugge</i> ) Rents.	Rec. by Treas. fr. Firmarius ..	4 0 0	4 0 0		
	„ Chamb. as Perq:Cur. <i>nil</i>	—	—		
	—no court held ..	—	—	—	—
		4 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
BATH ( <i>Civitas Bathon</i> ) Rents	Rec. by Ann. as Rent of 3 cells there	5 0	5 0		
				5 0	5 0
BERKELEY Manor of Canonbury and Rectory of Berkeley-herons	Rec. by Treas. fr. Bailiff ..	53 3 8½	45 3 11		
	„ Chamb. as perq: Cur:	8 0	17 7		
	„ Sac. as Rent of various holdings .. ..	11 19 0	11 7 0		
	„ Host. fr. sale of parishioners flax tithes .. ..	5 0	—		
		65 15 8½	57 8 6		
	Pd. by Treas. to Abbot of Reading as part of a pension of £13 16s. 8d. owed for tithes in Berkeley parish .. ..	10 13 4	12 0 0		
	by Treas. to Sacrist of Wor- cester as pension for Berkeley church .. ..	3 6 8	3 6 8		
	by Treas. to Prior of Stanley for tithes of land and pasture called "Hardacres" ..	1 8 4	1 15 0		
	by Sacrist to Bailiff for diligence .. ..	3 4	—		
	Sac. notes "defectus redditus" of .. ..	—	1 6 8		
		15 11 8	18 8 4		
	Less. Respectuantur noted by Chamb. .. ..	13 0			
		16 4 8	18 8 4	49 11 0½	39 0 2
	(see also Grain Account)			107 6 10½	97 14 0

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
HILL ( <i>Hulle</i> )	<i>Rec.</i> by Cell. in lieu of deficiency in grain rent last year .. ( <i>see also Grain Account</i> )	£ s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. —
BLAKESWORTH Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent „ Chamb. as Perq: Cur:	6 3 6½ 1 0 0	6 10 2½ —		
		7 3 6½	6 10 2½	7 3 6½	6 10 2½
BRADLEY AND COMBE NR. WOTTON	<i>Rec.</i> by Coll. Grace Money fr. “ Firmarius Manerii ”	3 6 8	3 6 8	3 6 8	3 6 8
CODRINGTON Manor, and Rectory of WAPLEY ( <i>Wappeley</i> )	<i>Rec.</i> by Master of New Work fr. Firmarius .. .. „ Master of New Work fr. Abbot of Stanley as pension for tithe ..	11 6 8  6 8	11 6 8  6 8		
		11 13 4	11 13 4		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Master of New Work for lands and tenements in Wapley .. .. „ Master of New Work to Rector of Bitton as pension for Wapley Church .. .. „ Master of New Work to Archdeacon of Bath for procurations of Wapley Church .. ..	6 8  13 4  6 8	6 8  13 4  6 8		
		1 6 8	1 6 8	10 6 8	10 6 8
HINTON NR. CODRINGTON ( <i>Henton'</i> )	<i>Rec.</i> by Coll. of Grace Money as Rent of land there ..	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
CROMHALL ( <i>Cromehale</i> ) Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Bailiff and Collector of Rent .. „ Treas. as price of a wood sold there .. .. „ Chamb. as Perq: Cur: „ Ann. as Peter's Pence ..	15 2 2 — 1 15 7 1 8	15 2 9 12 0 0 1 19 10 1 8		
		16 19 5	29 4 3		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Treas. to warden of Lord Abbot's woods ..	2 0	—	16 17 5	29 4 3
				38 6 3½	49 9 9½

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
ELBERTON (Ailberton') Rectory	Rec. by Treas. as <i>ferm</i> of Rectory..	£ s. d. 6 0 0	£ s. d. 6 0 0	£ s. d. 6 0 0	£ s. d. 6 0 0
FIFEHEAD (Fyfhide) Manor and Rectory	Rec. by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent " " " Firmarius of demesne .. .. " Treas. fr. Firmarius of Rectory.. .. " Chamb. as Perq: Cur: " Vest. fr. Coll. of Rent "de exitibus officii sui" ..	5 14 2 21 11 11 5 1 0½ 2 12 10 10 13 4 45 13 3½	5 14 2 20 3 4½ 2 13 4 3 9 10 13 4 39 7 11½	45 13 3½	39 1 5½
	Pd. by Treas. for expenses of Prior's rides to Fifehead and of Jn. Harper's rides to Fifehead .. ..	—	6 6		
HALBERTON Rectory	Rec. by Treas. fr. Firmariis of Rectory.. ..	26 13 6	26 13 6	26 13 6	26 13 6
HORFIELD (Horefeld) Manor and Rectory, with members in FILTON, KINGSWESTON and COOMBE NR. WESTBURY	Rec. by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent in Horfield .. .. " Treas. fr. Firmarius of demesne there "nil quia in granis" .. .. " Treas. as Filton grain tithes .. .. " Treas. fr. Firmarius of Kingsweston .. .. " Treas. fr. sale of Kings- weston grain tithes .. " Chamb. as Perq. Cur. in Horfield .. .. " Ann. as Peter's Pence per. Coll. of Rent .. .. " Inf. as rent in Coombe nr. Westbury .. ..	24 13 11 — 2 0 0 6 0 0 — 1 7 11 1 8 6 8 34 10 2	24 13 11 — 2 0 0 — 4 0 4 8 5 1 8 6 8 31 11 0	34 10 2	31 7 8
	Pd. by Treas. for hire of barn at Kingsweston .. ..	—	3 4	112 16 11½	103 2 7½

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
IRELAND Revenues	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. revenues in Ireland .. .. .	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	<i>Pd.</i> „ Treas. 6 qu. malt to Prior of “ Instioke ” and to Dionysus Mullen’ ..	—	5 6 8		
	„ Cell. ditto to Prior of St. Katherine’s, Waterford	—	1 8 0		
		1 8 0	—		
LEIGH ( <i>Lygh</i> ) Manor, with members in EASTON ( <i>Eston</i> ’), FAILAND ( <i>Feyland</i> ’), PORTBURY ( <i>Portebury</i> ) TICKENHAM ( <i>Tykenham</i> ) and CLEVEDON ( <i>Clyvedon</i> ’), and Rectories of CLEVEDON, PORTBURY and TICKENHAM	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent in Leigh .. .. .	23 12 9	24 13 11		
	„ Treas. fr. Firmarius of demesne “ nil quia in granis ” .. .. .	—	—		
	„ Chamb. as perq: Cur: in Leigh .. .. .	3 11 10	9 2 9		
	„ Alm. as rent of lands in Easton and Failand	2 0 0	2 0 0		
	„ Alm. as rent of 1 tenement, 1 close and Rownham Ferry .. .. .	12 0	12 0		
	„ Alm. as price of 15 qu. corn sold by Coll: of Rent of Portbury .. .. .	5 0 0	5 0 0		
	„ Treas. fr. Collector of Rent in Portbury .. .. .	9 14 6½	13 5 2½		
	„ Host. fr. sale of parishioners’ linen tithe in Portbury .. .. .	1 0	8		
	„ Host. fr. ditto in Tickenham	6	—		
	„ “ “ “ “ Clevedon	6	—		
	„ Prec. as rent of various holdings in Tickenham	8 8	8 8		
	„ Alm. as rent of “ Edyesplace ” in Clevedon ..	2 0 0	2 0 0		
	(see also <i>Grain Accounts</i> )	47 1 9½	57 3 2½		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Chamb. to “ Messor ” of Leigh .. .. .	1 6 8	1 6 8		
	„ Cell. for expenses of harvesting and carting grain tithes of Portbury, Clevedon and Tickenham .. .. .	2 5 1	9 2 3		
	by Treas. to Archdeacon of Bath for his procurations in above three churches ..	1 2 5¾	1 2 5¾		
		4 14 2¾	11 11 4¾		
	[N.B. also 1 lb. cummin. pd. by Treas. to Lord of Wraxall for Radford Mill]			42 7 6¾	45 11 9¾
	† Less deficit for Ireland			42 7 6¾ 1 8 0	49 10 5¾
				40 19 6¾	49 10 5¾

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
PENARTH ( <i>Pennarth</i> ) PETERSTON ( <i>Petresmore</i> ) RUMNEY ( <i>Rempney</i> ) MARSHFIELD ( <i>Mersfeld</i> ) Spiritualities and Temporalities	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. as "Ferm" of Spiritualities and Tem- poralities in Wales ..	£ s. d. 32 0 3½	£ s. d. 46 6 5½	£ s. d. 32 0 3½	£ s. d. 45 16 5½
	<i>Pd.</i> by Treas. to Master Jn. Welle for his journeys to Wales	—	10 0		
PAWLETT ( <i>Poulett</i> ) Manor and Rectory	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Firmarius ..	19 18 0	18 2 2	19 18 0	18 2 2
ROWBERROW ( <i>Roughburgh</i> ) Manor with members in DRAYCOTT ( <i>Dreycot</i> ) GOREWELL, EAST HARPTREE ( <i>Estharpetre</i> ) and SHEPTON MALLETT	<i>Rec.</i> by Treas. fr. Collector of Rent in Rowberrow .. ,, Chamb. as Perq: Cur: .. £8 exits of Gorewell reserved to Founders' Chantry by Treas. for Rent in Shepton [*entry torn away]	10 10 4 19 0 — *6 8 11 16 0	10 11 10 16 0 — 6 8 11 14 6		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Treas. for lands, etc., in Rowberrow .. ,, Treas. to Firmarius of Row- berrow for constructing east end of hall in manor house by order of the Lord Abbot .. by Treas. for Lord Abbot's suit of court at "Chuton" on account of holdings in Harptree	3 4 6 8 2 0 12 0	3 4 — 2 0 5 4	11 4 0	11 9 2
SOUTH CERNEY ( <i>Sarney</i> ) Manor	<i>Rec.</i> by Chamb. as Perq: Cur: .. ,, Vest. fr. Collector of Rent	10 8 8 17 6 9 8 2	— 8 17 6 8 17 6		
	<i>Pd.</i> by Vest. as "regardum" to Collector of Rent ..	6 8	6 8	9 1 6 72 3 9½	8 10 10 83 18 7½

PLACE	PARTICULARS	1491-92	1511-12	BALANCE OF REV. OVER EXP.	
				1491-92	1511-12
STANTON DREW ( <i>Staunton'</i> <i>Drewes</i> ) Rents	Rec. by Ann. as rent of 1 tenement	£ s. d. 12 0	£ s. d. 12 0	£ s. d. 12 0	£ s. d. 12 0
WEARE ( <i>Were</i> ) Rectory	Rec. by Collector of Grace Money as Vicar's annual pension " pro firma " .. .. Pd. by Coll: of Grace Money to Vicar's servant as reward for twice bringing pension	9 6 8 —	9 6 8 1 4	9 6 8	9 5 4
LESS VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				485 10 11	503 7 7½
	Pd. by Chamb. for expenses of rides to various Manors to hold the Hock and Michael- mas Courts there .. ..	4 19 1½	5 9 11		
	„ Chamb. for expenses connected with these occasions .. ..	2 4	—		
	„ Cell. for expenses of carting grain fr. Hill to St. Augustine's Back ..	9 6			
	„ Cell. for expenses of carting grain fr. Hill, Berkeley and Ashleworth ..	—	13 10		
	„ Cell. for expenses of moving grain fr. St. Augustine's Back to the Abbey..	17 4			
	„ Master of New Work to Lord of Chew, Bp. of Bath and Wells' bailiff, as Rent of Dundry Quarry .. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0		
	„ Chamb. for parchment and paper for court rolls .. ..	1 6	1 8		
	„ Treas. Synodals of chapels at Horfield and Elberton .. ..	1 0	1 0		
	„ „ for expenses connected with Abbot's rides on abbey business	14 5	4 4		
	„ „ towards legal expenses " in re " Grantesdene .. ..	1 6 8	—		
	„ „ to King for holdings in Hasfeld <i>quamvis iniuste</i> .. ..	5 6	—		
	„ „ to Master Jn. Morgan for friend- ship shown at Usk .. ..	—	6 8		
		£9 17 4½	£7 17 5	— 9 17 4½	— 7 17 5
				475 13 6½	495 10 2½
				+119 10 4	+82 2 11½
	Receipts in grain, stone and produce* ..	£119 10 4	£82 2 11½		
			Clear yearly value of the Abbey property outside Bristol	£595 3 10½	£577 13 2½

\* See opposite page for details.



## VALUE OF RECEIPTS IN KIND.

1491-92	VALUE	1511-12	VALUE
<b>CORN</b>	£ s. d.	<b>CORN—</b>	£ s. d.
Fr. Berkeley 79 qu. 2 bu. at 10d. † a bushel	26 8 4	<i>Details missing but total can be calculated [see Note , p. ]</i>	
„ Hill 30 qu. 0 bu. „ „	10 0 0	108 qu. 2 bu. at 12d. a bushel ..	43 6 0
„ Horfield 20 qu. 0 bu. „ „	6 13 4		
„ Leigh 20 qu. 0 bu. „ „	6 13 4		
„ Tickenham 21 qu. 7 bu. „ „	7 5 10		
„ Clevedon 5 qu. 5 bu. „ „	1 17 6		
176 qu. 6 bu.	£58 18 4		£43 6 0
<b>BARLEY—</b>		<b>BARLEY—</b>	
Fr. Berkeley 97 qu. 2 bu. at 6d. a bushel	19 9 0	Fr. Berkeley 74 qu. 0 bu. at 6d. a bushel	12 1 0
„ Hill 27 qu. 0 bu. „ „	5 8 0	„ Hill 36 qu. 0 bu. „ „	7 4 0
„ Portbury 60 qu. 0 bu. „ „	12 0 0	„ Portbury 59 qu. 0 bu. „ „	11 16 0
„ Tickenham 65 qu. 4 bu. „ „	13 2 0	„ Tickenham 42 qu. 3 bu. „ „	8 9 6
„ Clevedon 26 qu. 0 bu. „ „	5 4 0	„ Clevedon 15 qu. 7 bu. „ „	3 3 6
275 qu. 6 bu.	£55 3 0	223 qu. 2 bu.	£32 14 0
<b>OATS—</b>		<b>OATS nil</b>	—
Fr. Berkeley 4 qu. 4 bu. at 3d. a bushel	9 0 0	<b>BUILDING STONE—</b>	
<b>BUILDING STONE—</b>		Fr. Dundry 30 loads at 2s. 6d. a load	£3 15 0
Fr. Dundry 40 loads at 2s. 6d. a load	£5 0 0		
Treasurer's receipts fr. sale of produce fr. manors and rectories to Seneschal of Abbot's hospice .. .. .	missing		2 7 11½

† The only price given for this year.

# APPENDIX E

## CLEAR YEARLY VALUE OF SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PROPERTY OUTSIDE BRISTOL AT DIFFERENT DATES.

Places.	1491-92 Abbey Accounts.	1511-12 Abbey Accounts.	1539-40 Poulet's Accounts.	1542 Bishopric and Cathedral Valors and † Poulet 1542.
Ashleworth [ <i>Manor and Rectory</i> ].. ..	£ s. d. 53 10 10	£ s. d. 54 8 10	£ s. d. 57 7 1½	£ s. d. 59 16 10½
Canonbury [ <i>Manor</i> ] with members ..	} 49 11 0½	39 0 2	{ 37 5 10 65 6 8	† 40 5 3 65 6 8
Berkeley-herons [ <i>Rectory</i> ] .. ..				
{ Arlingham [ <i>rents</i> ], Wapley [ <i>rents and</i> <i>Rectory</i> ] .. .. .	21 14 10	22 10 4	7 1 0	17 6 0
Codrington [ <i>Manor</i> ] and Bradley [ <i>Rents</i> ]				
South Cerney [ <i>Manor</i> ] .. .. .	9 1 6	8 10 10	8 14 4	8 14 4
Cromhall [ <i>Manor</i> ].. .. .	16 17 5	29 4 3	8 7 6½	17 3 1
Almondsbury [ <i>Manor</i> ] with members ..	} 95 19 3¼	100 19 9¼	{ 72 7 8¾ 18 17 4	† 92 5 1¼ 18 5 4
Almondsbury [ <i>Rectory</i> ] .. .. .				
Elberton [ <i>Rectory</i> ] .. .. .	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0
{ Horfield [ <i>Manor</i> ] and Filton and Kings- weston [ <i>Rectories</i> ] .. .. .	34 10 2	31 7 8	44 15 0½	49 13 10½
Blacksworth [ <i>Manor</i> ] .. .. .	7 3 6½	6 10 2½	5 17 1	† 6 19 1
{ Leigh [ <i>Manor</i> ] with members and Pawlett [ <i>Manor and Rectory</i> ] ..	62 5 6¾	63 13 11¾	89 3 0¾	85 0 7¾
Portbury, Clevedon and Tickenham [ <i>Rectories</i> ] .. .. .				
Weare [ <i>Rectory</i> ] .. .. .	9 6 8	9 5 4	9 6 8	9 6 8
Rowberrow [ <i>Manor</i> ] with members ..	11 4 0	11 9 2	19 7 1½	20 3 5
Fifehead [ <i>Manor and Rectory</i> ] .. ..	45 13 3½	39 1 5½	41 6 10	42 3 0
Halberton [ <i>Manor</i> ] .. .. .	—	—	13 2 0½	14 9 0½
Halberton [ <i>Rectory</i> ] .. .. .	26 13 6	26 13 6	33 0 0	33 0 0
Penarth [ <i>Manor and Rectory</i> ] .. ..	} 32 0 3½	45 16 5¾	{ 18 3 7 29 14 3	18 19 11 31 11 5
{ Peterstone [ <i>Manor and Rectory</i> ], Rumney St. Mellon's, Marshfield [ <i>Rectories, etc</i> ] ..				
Baggeridge, Stanton Drew, Bath [ <i>rents</i> ]	4 17 0	4 17 0	2 17 0	5 0
Loss or gain on IRISH REVENUES ..	486 18 11 —1 8 0	509 8 11¾ +3 18 8		
Less General Expenses (v. p. 286.)	485 10 11 —9 17 4½	503 7 7¾ —7 17 5		
+ Value of Receipts in Kind* (approx.)	475 13 6½ 119 10 4	495 10 2¾ 82 2 11½		
	£595 3 10½	£577 13 2¼	£588 0 3	£636 14 8½

\* Various items in both Abbey Accounts are missing, viz. receipts from sale of corn by Treasurer in 1491-92, and the corn account for 1511-12.

† The figures for the Manors of Canonbury and Almondsbury, which were not included in the Bishopric and Cathedral Endowments, are taken from Poulet's Account for the year 1543-44.

‡ This total is reconstructed from the details in the Valor. The total there is torn off.

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## GLOSSARY

- BATELL'.** *Batella* and *batellus* normally mean "a small boat." The word occurs in our Rolls solely in connection with the firewood brought from Leigh Woods by water, and must be translated as "boat-load"; as the wood was cut on Abbey land the sole cost involved was that of labour, so that it was natural to reckon it at so much per boat-load.
- BAWDRIKE.** Fowler, *Durham Rolls* III. xiii, says that in connection with bells a baldric was a strip of whitleather by which the clapper was attached; naturally this needed frequent renewal.
- BREVIGERULUS.** This may mean simply a carrier of writs, but in our Rolls it connotes the messenger who carried from one monastery to another the notification of a monk's or canon's death, *v. Fraternity*. The regulations of 1374 lay it down that "there shall be a brevigerulus."
- CAMERARIUS.** The Chamberlain was always an important official in a monastery, but his duties varied considerably. There is a tradition that he was chiefly responsible for the monks' clothing, but that this was a very minor duty is shown by the ease with which it was delegated: in the eleventh century at Saint Victor, and quite early at Saint Swithin's, Winchester, this duty has been transferred to others. His most important function was a legal or quasi-legal one: he was responsible for holding the view of frankpledge in the manors, and may frequently be found acting as the abbot's proctor in the law-courts.
- COMMUNA.** [=Commune, Communia.] Du Cange has "*Bona quae in commune possidentur a Canonicis Ecclesiae alicujus Cathedralis: vel quicquid ex iisdem bonis ac proventibus in commune iisdem distribuitur.*" Thus in our Rolls the *Communa* is the Common Fund of the Convent, *i.e.* those resources which have not been allocated to any of the obediences. The Treasurer of Receipt of the Common Fund [*Thesaurarius Recepte Commune*] is the official who accounts for the income and outgoings of this fund.
- FRANCHISE.** The abbey claimed manorial jurisdiction and view of frankpledge in a small area between Saint Brandon's Hill, the rivers Avon and From, and (roughly) the southern boundary of the Carmelites' estate—near the present line of Pipe Lane. This area probably corresponds with that of the Manor of Billeswick, said to have been bought by FitzHarding from the Honour of Gloucester; the abbey was certainly built on this manor, and it has always been presumed that FitzHarding gave the manor to the abbey, though it is not mentioned in any of his charters. [The *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, Rep. IV. tells us that the abbey cartulary has a page or so devoted to Billeswick; this will perhaps clear up the point.] The right to a lawday or view of frankpledge must have had some justification in law, as the *Great White Book* dispute ends by dividing the profits of the Court between the Mayor and the Abbot, the former having to pay all the expenses of holding the Court.
- FRATERNITY, LETTERS OF.** It was a convenient and usually a cheap method of acknowledging the goodwill of outsiders to admit them, by means of a formal Letter of Fraternity, to all such privileges as appertained to an ordinary brother of the monastery, including that of the circulation of the name of the brother after death to monasteries of the same group or fraternity, so that they were remembered in prayer and alms were given for them by several communities for a month. Hugh Sugar, Treasurer of Wells Cathedral, accepted such a letter in 1468 in full return for the sum of £40 which he had lent to St. Augustine's.<sup>1</sup> A good example

<sup>1</sup> Cal. MSS. D. & C. Wells, 686,

of such a letter may be found at p. 54 of Pryce's *History of Bristol*, in this case by the Prior Provincial of the Hermit Brothers of Saint Augustine to a layman and his wife; it was dated 24th December, 1480, and must have made a very welcome Christmas present.

**GENERALE.** Usually given as "the commons of a monk," *i.e.* the ordinary food allowance. The noun only occurs in these Rolls at two points [ivd. 60 and IVD. 46 (Title)], the "*Soluciones Generalium*" of the latter represent the "*Soluciones Generales*" of 1491-92, but both clearly refer to pittances, that is, special food allowances. But the 1491-92 use of the word, where the Pittancer allows the Infirmarer money "*de generalibus noviciorum*"—which is spent on firewood for the Infirmary—is more puzzling, because the novices apparently get no pittances, while the Pittancer or Collector of Grace Money certainly has nothing to do with their ordinary food allowance. Presumably they once had pittances, but they had since been withdrawn. In any case it seems that *generale* at Saint Augustine's Bristol meant a special allowance and not the ordinary commons.

**HOCKDAY.** The second Tuesday after Easter. A common date for the holding of the spring "lawday" or view of frankpledge, the second view taking place at Michaelmas. The alternative, now generally adopted, was "Lady Day," the Feast of the Annunciation; clearly the later and secular date would be far more convenient for monastic landlords.

**HOSTILLARIUS.** The canon whose business it was to look after visitors staying overnight in the monastery. The casual wayfarer might obtain a dole of food from the Almoner, but we may doubt whether he would obtain a night's lodging from the Hostillar at the period of our Rolls; the latter was more probably taken up with providing sleeping accommodation for more important guests, if his expenditure on coverlets and sheets is any guide. It will be noticed that he provides no food, but does buy cups and dishes; guests of any importance were entertained in the abbot's hospice or by the convent, others probably had to fend for themselves.

**IANTACULUM.** This should be some sort of "breakfast," *i.e.* a morning snack. This was not allowed by the Rule, but may well have become customary for those who were not celebrating mass. The alternative is to regard it as a sort of afternoon treat—certainly it appears to have been a mild festivity, for the Sacrist's entry [xi. 53 and XI. 69] explains that a "*jantaculum*" was once part of the proceedings at the "common games."

**O.** In the Roman Breviary the "O Antiphons," or *Antiphonae majores*, are the seven Antiphons to the Magnificat in the ferial Office of the seven days preceding the Vigil of Christmas. They are so called because all began with the interjection "O," *e.g.* "*O Sapientia*," "*O Adonai*," "*O Radix Iesse*." Other Antiphons were added by some other medieval breviaries. "As each (of the chief obedientiaries) in turn performed this leading part of the service he was justified in allocating from the funds of his office a small feast, to which he invited those who had taken part in that particular service." (Saunders: *Introd. to Rolls of Norwich Cathedral Priory*, pp. 176-177.)

**PARTICIPACIO CONVENTUS.** Du Cange gives two meanings of the word "*participacio*," *i.e.* (1) a share or participation and (2) alms—" *Eleemosyna qua quis pauperes bonorum suorum participes facit*. In the context in which we find it in these Rolls it is certainly rare and therefore puzzling. Until further examples of its use in this connotation come to light we can only note its two possible meanings. For full implications of these see pp. 69, 72-74.

**PITTANCE.** Originally a special allowance of food—usually a meat dish—on special occasions or for special reasons. Now converted into a money-payment. It is not clear whether this money was doled out to the Canons at the time, or paid into a central fund from which such little luxuries were provided; we are inclined to favour the latter idea. *v. Intr.*, p. 77.

**PLUMBARIUM.** Plumbarius is a plumber; the neuter form could mean his workshop. The word only occurs once, where fuel is (or rather has been) provided "pro plumbario" [vd. 13 and Vd. 26]. Possibly the entry dates from an occasion when a great deal of roofing was being done and a shop was set up in the precincts for the business. But Du Cange also gives "plumberia" as "of unknown meaning."

**RESPECTUANTUR.** This odd-looking heading simply means "they are deferred"; respecto and respectuo are both equivalent to differo. Thus items under this title are matters requiring some sort of settlement, and until such settlement is reached the Accounter puts off assigning them to any of the ordinary divisions of the account.

**RUANNUM.** v. Thorold Rogers: *Six Centuries of Work and Wages* [ed. 1909], p. 73: "aftermath, or rowens, called *rewannum* in its Latinised form," i.e. the second crop of hay from a meadow.

**SANCTUARY.** The strength of the abbot's claim to enrol and protect criminals who applied to him is doubtful; the Mayor claimed that the right to maintain a sanctuary had only recently been usurped by the abbot—*q.v.*, *The Great White Book of Bristol*. There is no early reference to a sanctuary in Bristol that we know of, but William Worcestre [c. 1480] refers to Saint Augustine's Green as the Sanctuary quite naturally. The story of Saint Jordan, disciple of Saint Augustine, may have been invented to give an air of sanctity to what had been secular land—*vide* xi. 25, note 1, p. 233. The whole question is bound up with that discussed under Franchise—*q.v.*

**SEAL, COMMON.** The seal of an important corporation such as a monastery was not lightly used, and it would seem from the entry at ix. 23 that on occasion the fees charged were considerable. Leases of property of any considerable amount were of course sealed with the Common Seal, but we doubt whether a fee was charged in such cases. The abbot usually had his own seal, and precautions were often taken to prevent his using the Convent Seal without the knowledge of the convent; thus one of the injunctions for Saint Augustine's in 1374 was that seven canons, appointed by the abbot, were to have the custody of the Common Seal.

**SEPES.** A common enough word for a hedge. But the Refectorar of 1491-92 [x. 30] talks of making in his garden "*sepes mort*" and of repairing "*al' sepes viv' ibidem in scissione et paracione eorundem*." The latter are clearly real hedges, since they are "repaired" by trimming; we presume that "dead hedges" is his attempt to distinguish some sort of fence, probably of brushwood, from the live hedge.

**SINODALIA.** Payments due from a benefice to the archdeacon or the bishop at their visitations, often converted into a "pension" payable irrespective of such visitation.





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